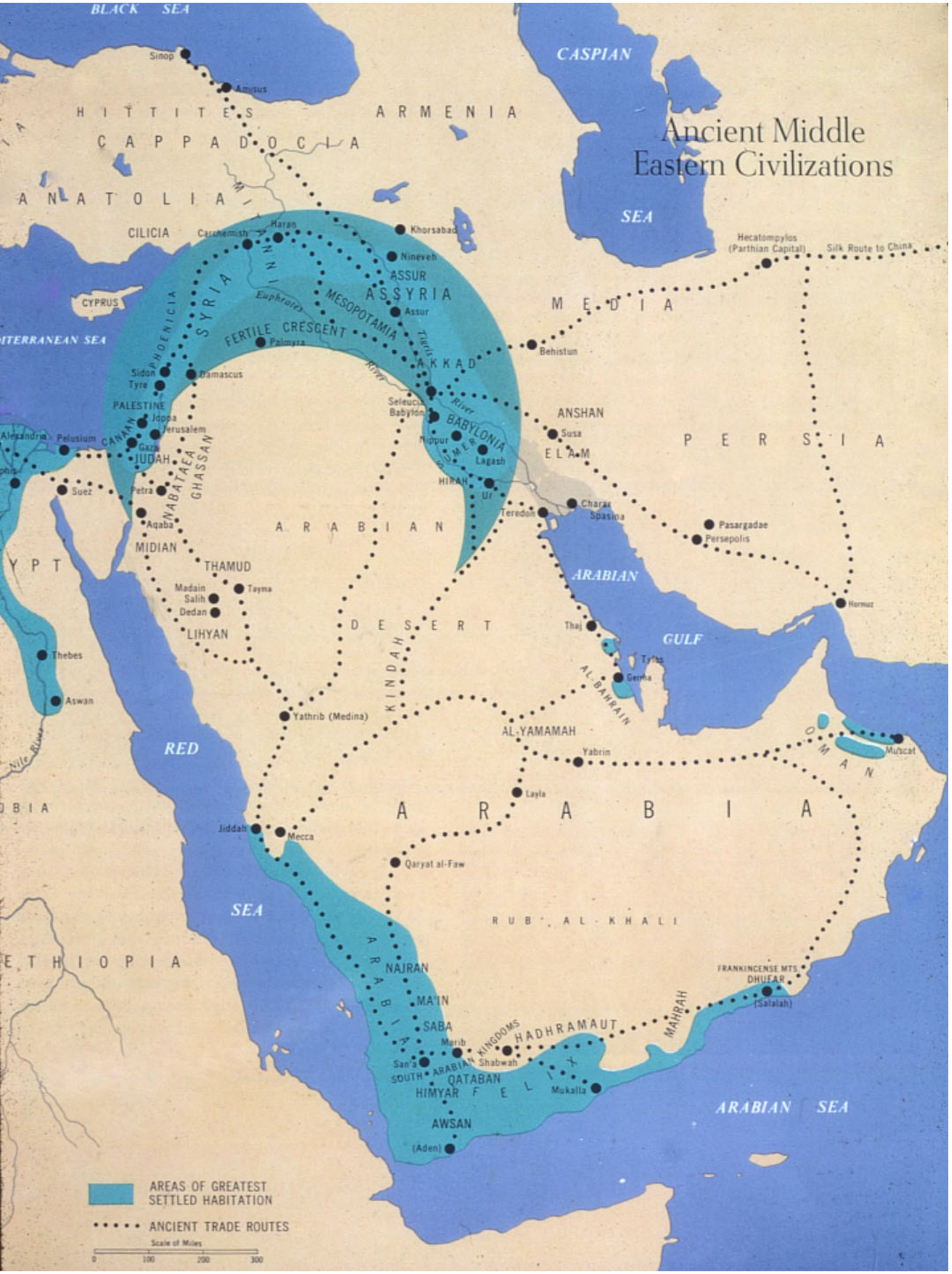

Ancient Middle Eastern Civilizations

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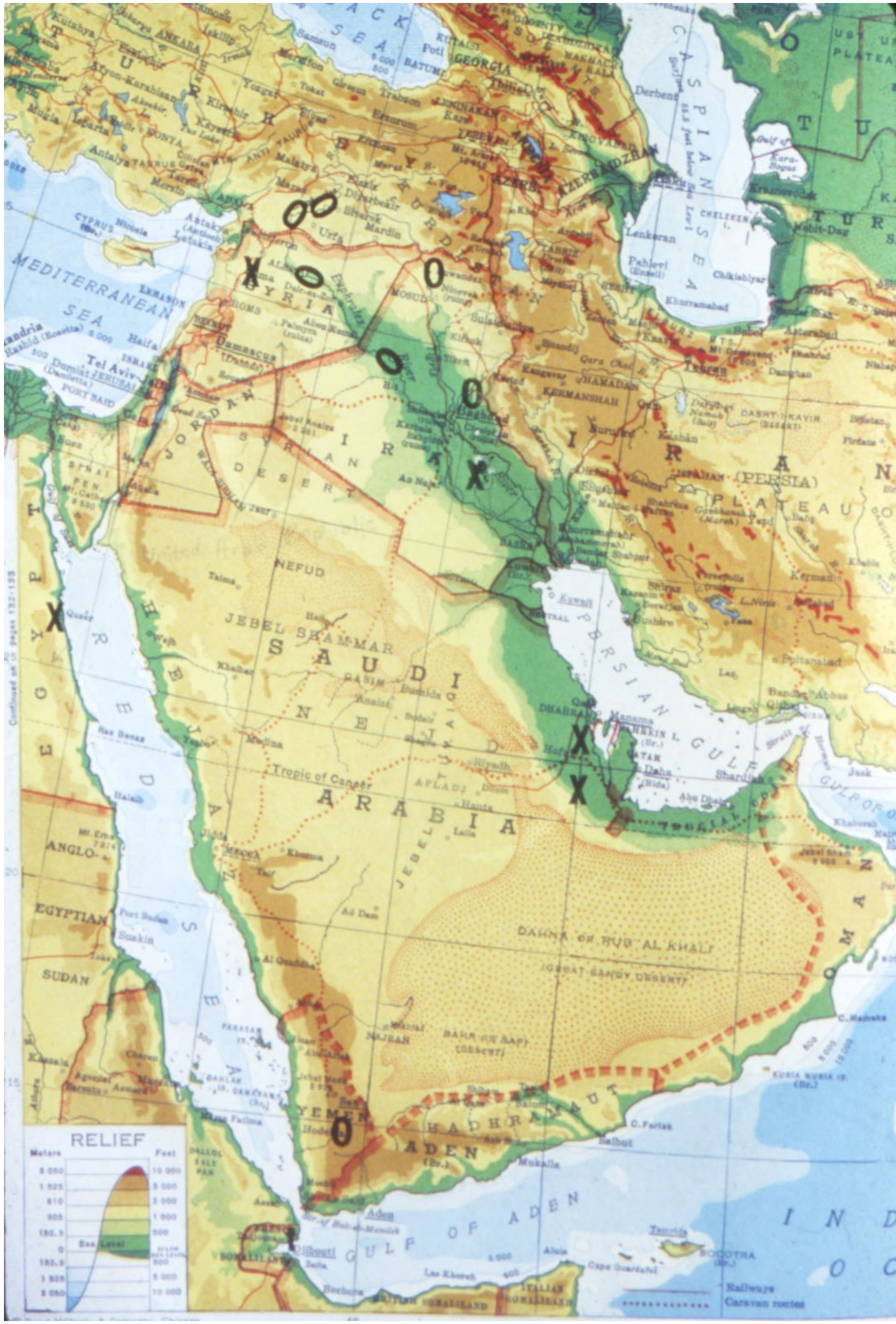
SYRIA
PHOENICIA
MESOPOTAMIA
ASSYRIA
FERTILE CRESCENT
AKKAD
BABYLONIA
SUMER
MEDIA
ELAM
ANSHAN
PERSIA
PALESTINE
CANAAN
JUDAH
NABATAEA
GHASSAN
MIDIAN
THAMUD
LIHYAN
ARABIAN DESERT
KINDAH
AL-YAMAMAH
AL BAHRAIN
ARABIAN GULF
OMAN
ARABIA
RUB' AL-KHALI
RED SEA
NAJRAN
MA'IN
SABA
QATABAN
HIMYAR
AWSAN
HADHRAMAUT
MAHRAH
SOUTH ARABIAN KINGDOMS
ARABIA FELIX
FRANKINCENSE MTS.
DHUFAR
ARABIAN SEA
EGYPT
NUBIA
ETHIOPIA
Nile River
Euphrates
Tigris River
Silk Route to China
Hecatompylos (Parthian Capital)
Sinop
Amisus
Carchemish
Haran
Khorsabad
Nineveh
Assur
Behistun
Palmyra
Damascus
Sidon
Tyre
Joppa
Jerusalem
Gaza
Alexandria
Pelusium
Suez
Petra
Aqaba
Seleucia
Babylon
Nippur
Lagash
Ur
Hirah
Susa
Charax Spasina
Teredon
Pasargadae
Persepolis
Hormuz
Madain Salih
Dedan
Tayma
Thaj
Tylos
Gerrha
Yathrib (Medina)
Yabrin
Layla
Muscat
Jiddah
Mecca
Qaryat al-Faw
Marib
Shabwah
San'a
Mukalla
(Salalah)
(Aden)
Thebes
Aswan
AREAS OF GREATEST SETTLED HABITATION
ANCIENT TRADE ROUTES
Scale of Miles
0 100 200 300



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CASPIAN SEA
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
TURKEY
SYRIA
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JORDAN
IRAQ
IRAN
(PERSIA)
PLATEAU
SYRIAN DESERT
NEFUD
JEBEL SHAMMAR
SAUDI ARABIA
NEJD
Tropic of Cancer
DAHNA or RUB' AL KHALI
(GREAT SANDY DESERT)
HADHRAMAUT
ADEN
YEMEN
PERSIAN GULF
GULF OF OMAN
GULF OF ADEN
RED SEA
INDIAN OCEAN
EGYPT
ANGLO-EGYPTIAN SUDAN
SOCOTRA
Kuwait
Bahrain
Qatar
Damascus
Baghdad
Tel Aviv
Mecca
Medina
Mukalla
RELIEF
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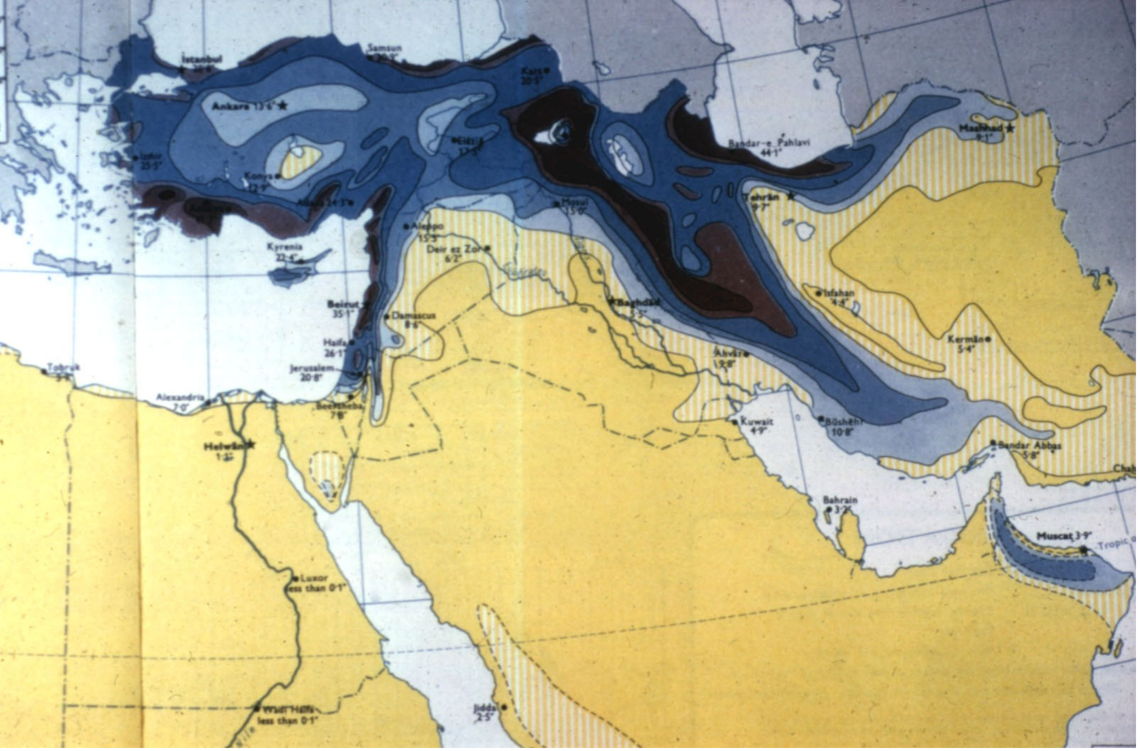
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Samsun
Kars
20·5"
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İzmir
25·5"
Konya
12·9"
Elâzığ
Mosul
15·0"
Aleppo
15·5"
Deir ez Zor
6·2"
Kyrenia
22·4"
Beirut
35·1"
Damascus
8·6"
Haifa
26·1"
Jerusalem
20·8"
Beersheba
7·8"
Tobruk
Alexandria
7·0"
Helwân
1·2"
Bandar-e Pahlavi
44·1"
Tehrân
9·7"
Mashhad
9·1"
Baghdad
5·5"
Isfahan
4·4"
Kermân
5·4"
Ahvâz
19·8"
Kuwait
4·9"
Bûshehr
10·8"
Bandar Abbas
5·8"
Bahrain
3·2"
Muscat 3·9"
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Luxor
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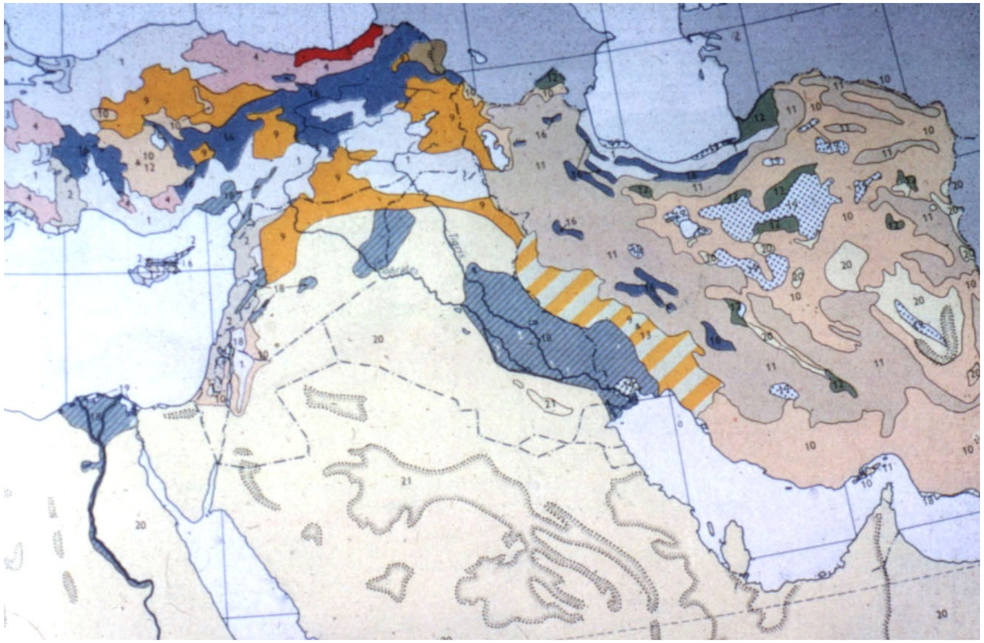
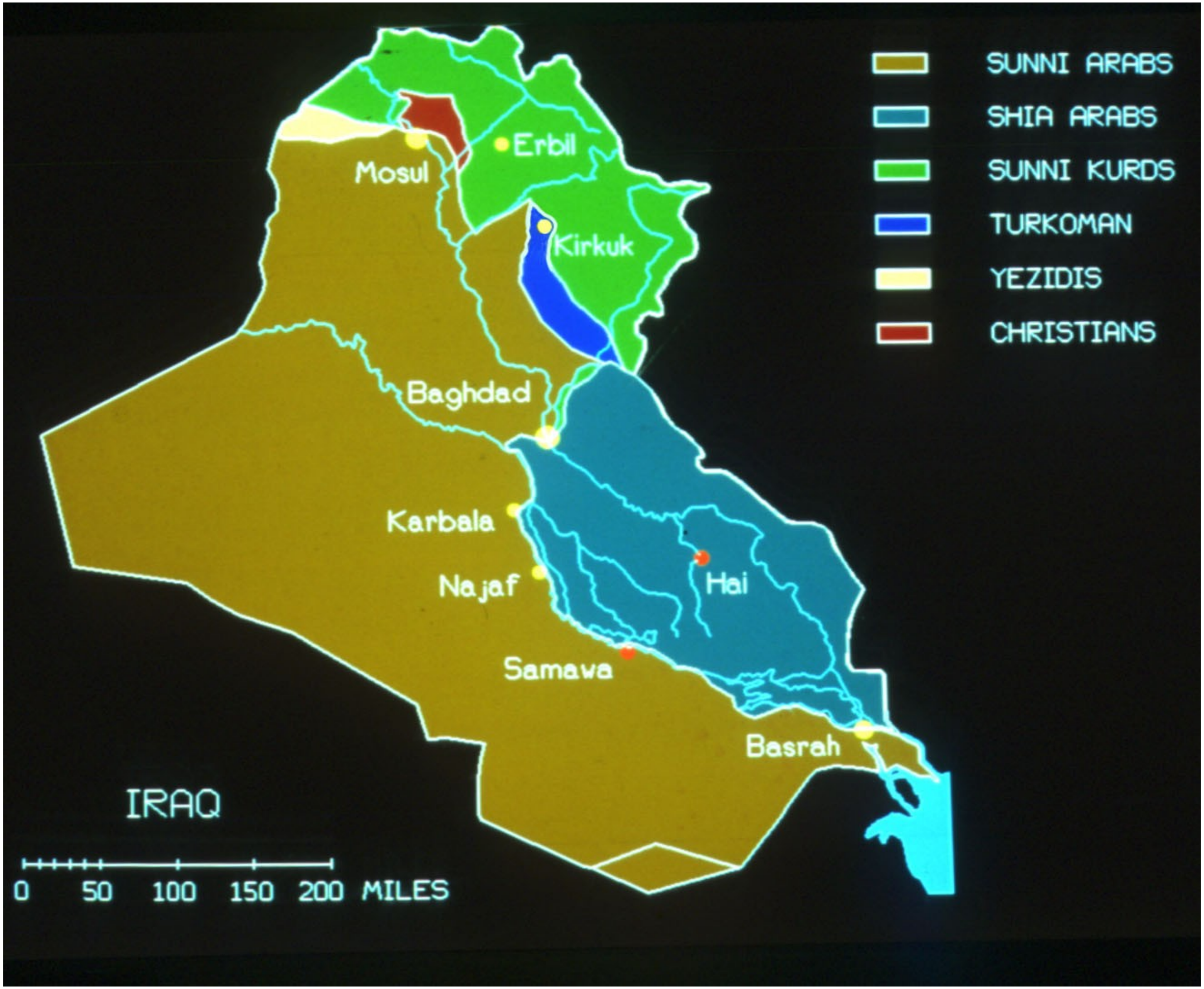
Wadi Halfa
less than 0·1"
Jidda
2·5"

Precipitation

Soils

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TURKOMAN
YEZIDIS
CHRISTIANS
Erbil
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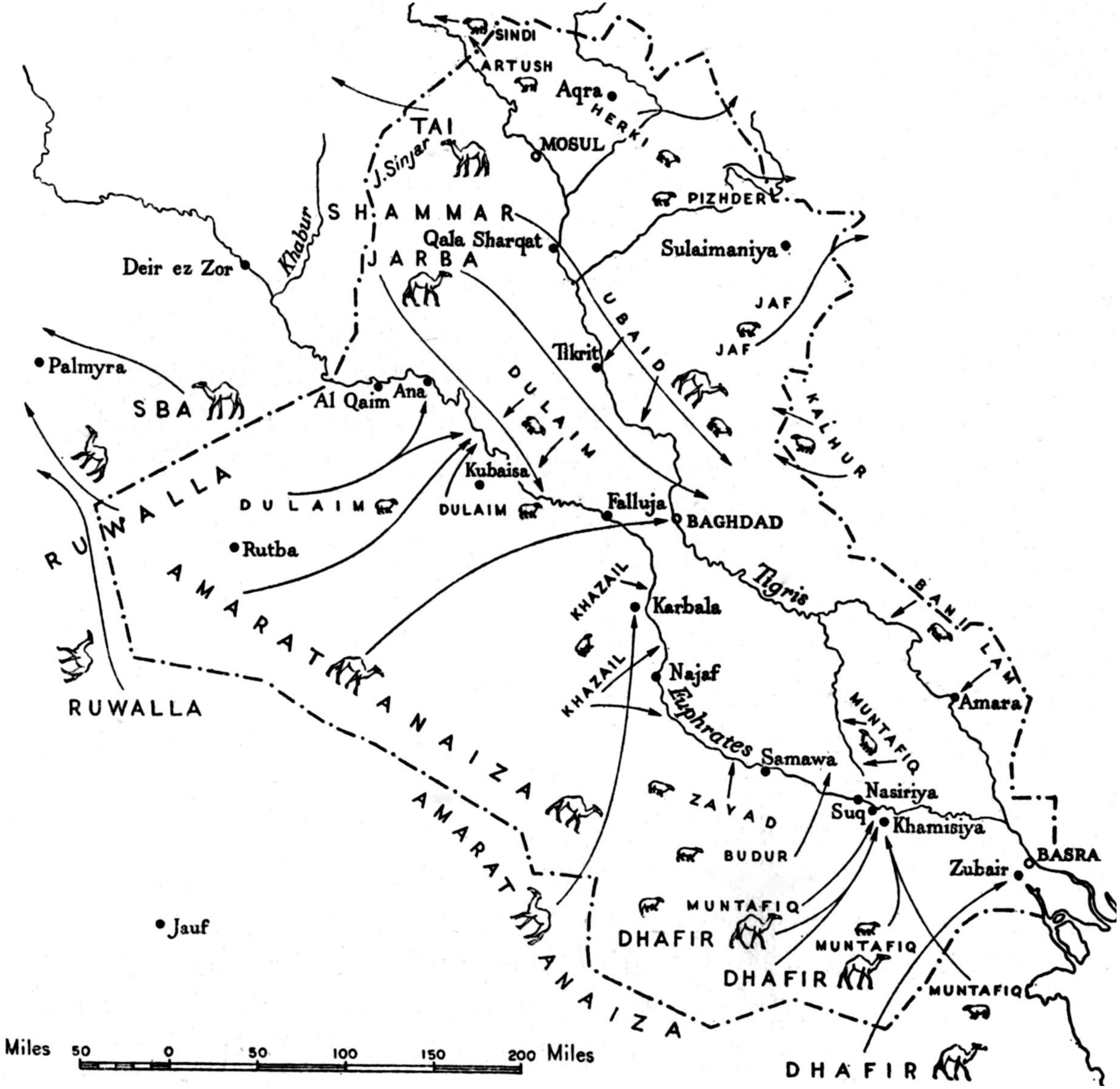
Hai
Samawa
Basrah
IRAQ
0 50 100 150 200 MILES

Schematic map major Groups, c. 1958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Qala Sharqat
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JARBA
Deir ez Zor
UBAID
JAF
JAF
Tikrit
Palmyra
DULAIM
KALHUR
SBA
Al Qaim
Ana
Kubaisa
RUWALLA
DULAIM
DULAIM
Falluja
BAGHDAD
Rutba
AMARAT
KHAZAIL
Tigris
BANI LAM
Karbala
KHAZAIL
Najaf
ANAIZA
KHAZAIL
Euphrates
MUNTAFIQ
Amara
RUWALLA
Samawa
Nasiriya
ZAYAD
Suq
Khamisiya
AMARAT
BUDUR
BASRA
Zubair
MUNTAFIQ
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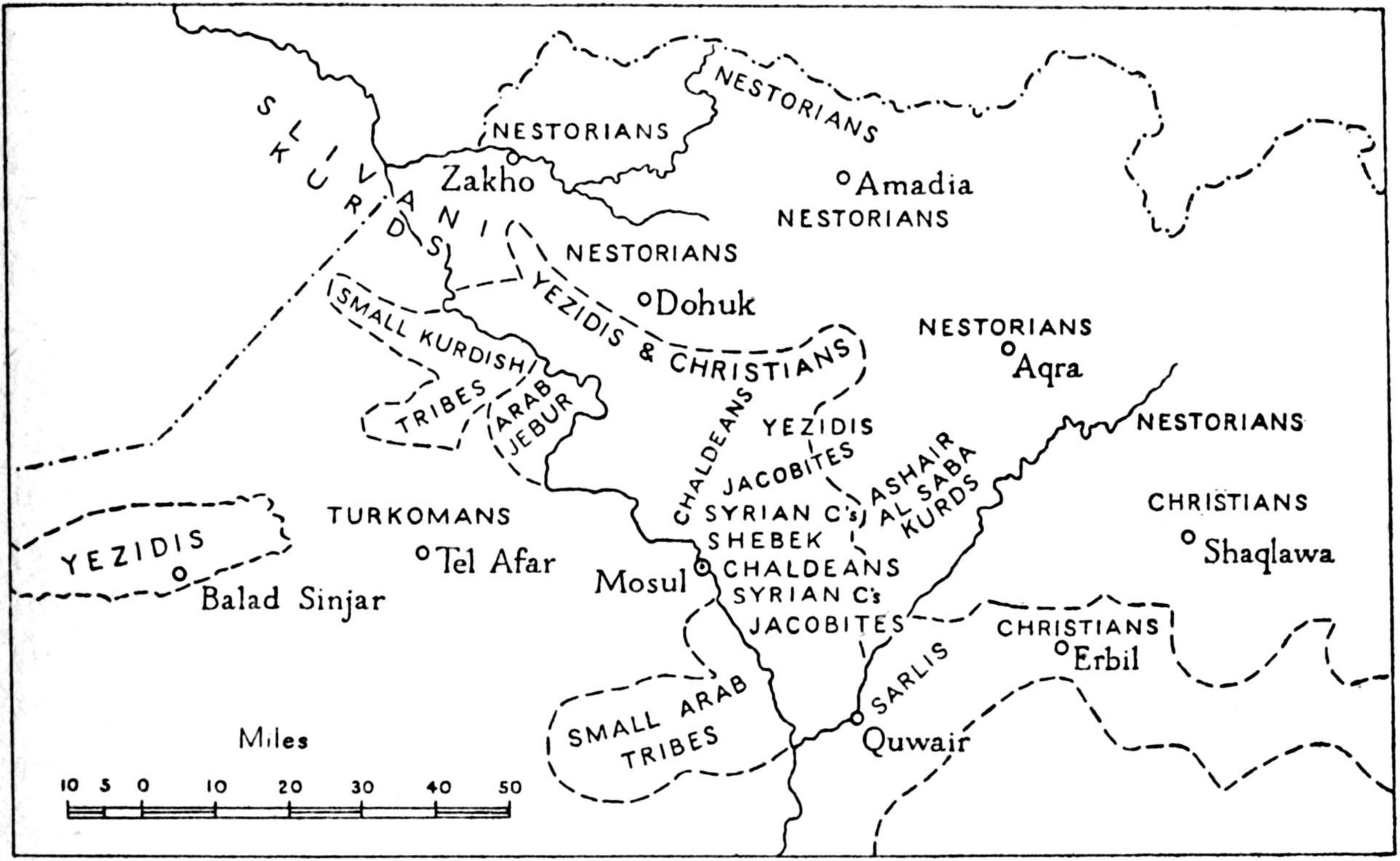
Historic Nomadic Movements


NESTORIANS
NESTORIANS
SLIVANI
SKURDS
Zakho
Amadia
NESTORIANS
NESTORIANS
YEZIDIS & CHRISTIANS
Dohuk
SMALL KURDISH TRIBES
ARAB JEBUR
NESTORIANS
Aqra
CHALDEANS
YEZIDIS
JACOBITES
ASHAIR AL SABA KURDS
NESTORIANS
TURKOMANS
SYRIAN C's
SHEBEK
CHRISTIANS
YEZIDIS
Tel Afar
Mosul
CHALDEANS
Shaqlawa
Balad Sinjar
SYRIAN C's
JACOBITES
CHRISTIANS
Erbil
SARLIS
SMALL ARAB TRIBES
Quwair
Miles
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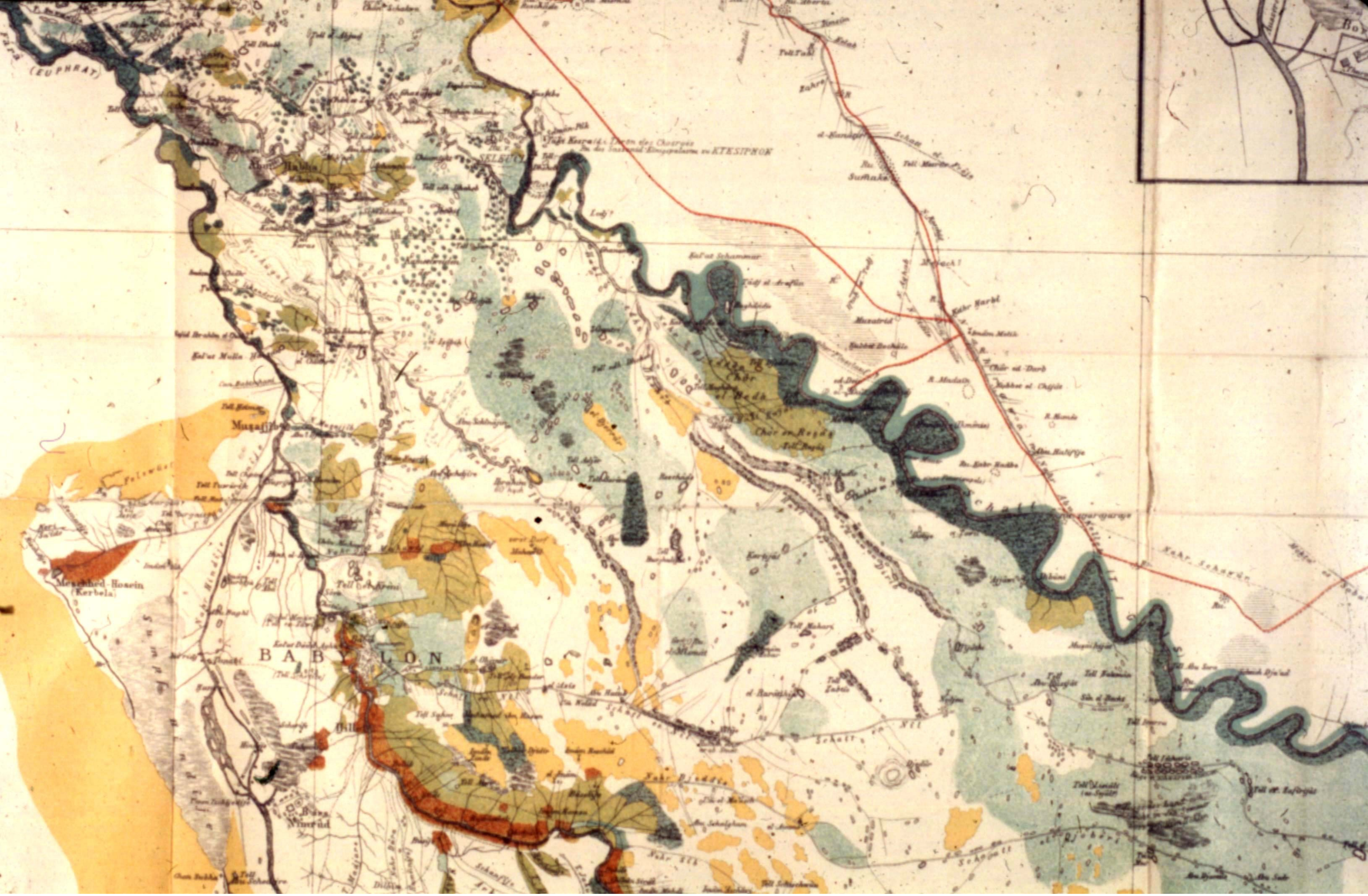
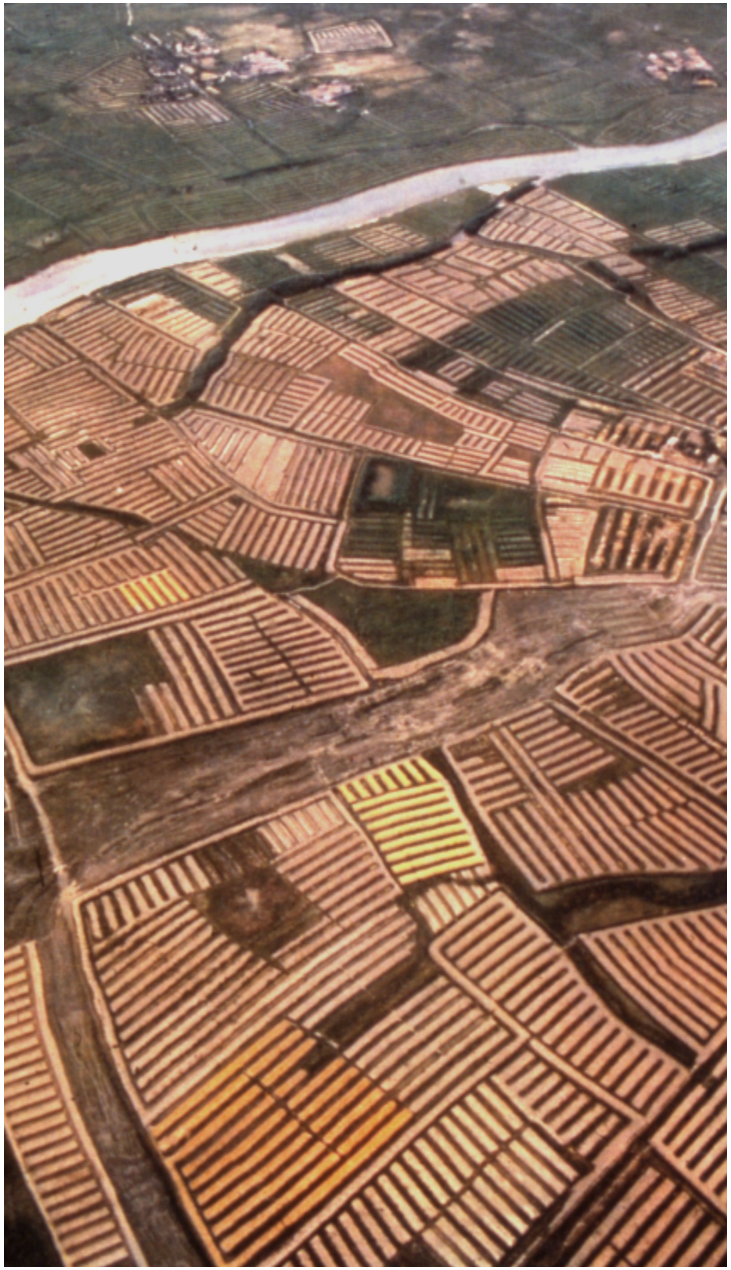
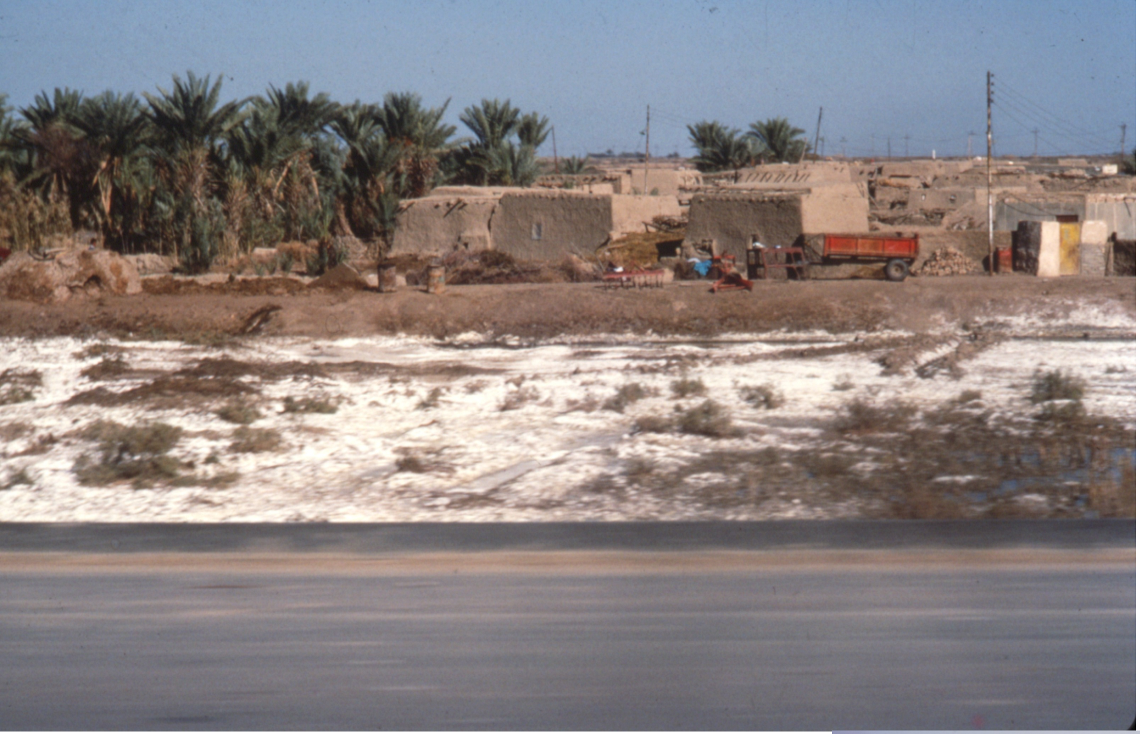
Religious and Ethnic groups, Northern Iraq
British Admiralty Handbook, 1944


(EUPHRAT)
KTESIPHON
Meschhed-Hosein
(Kerbela)
BABYLON
Birs Nimrud

Southern Iraq c. 1860, Kiepert, 1883



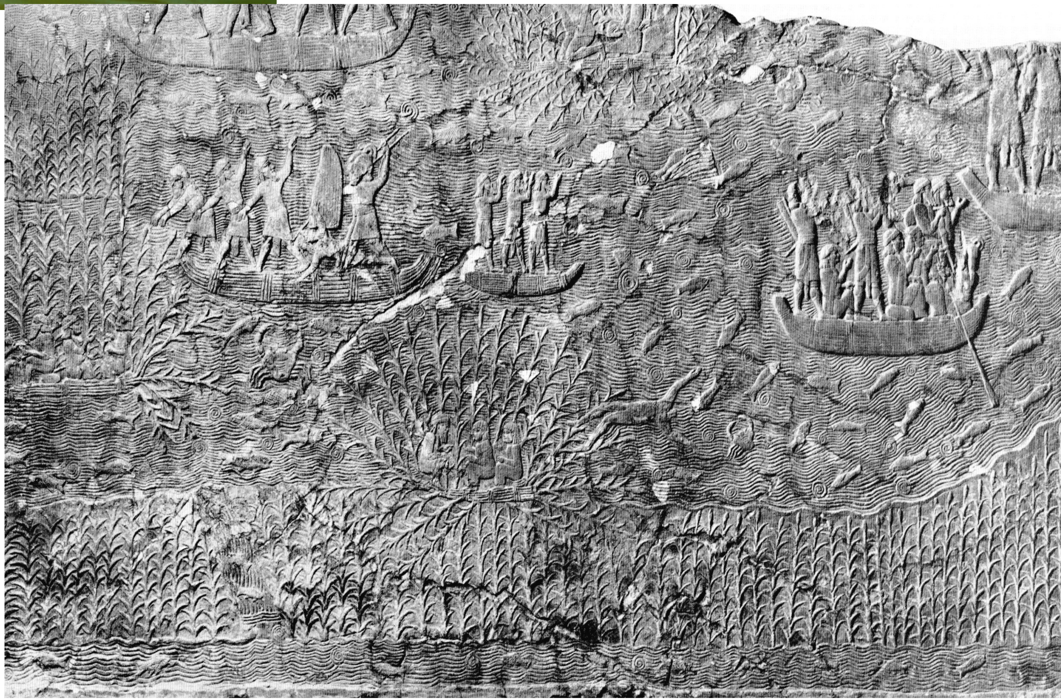
Irrigation S. Iraq



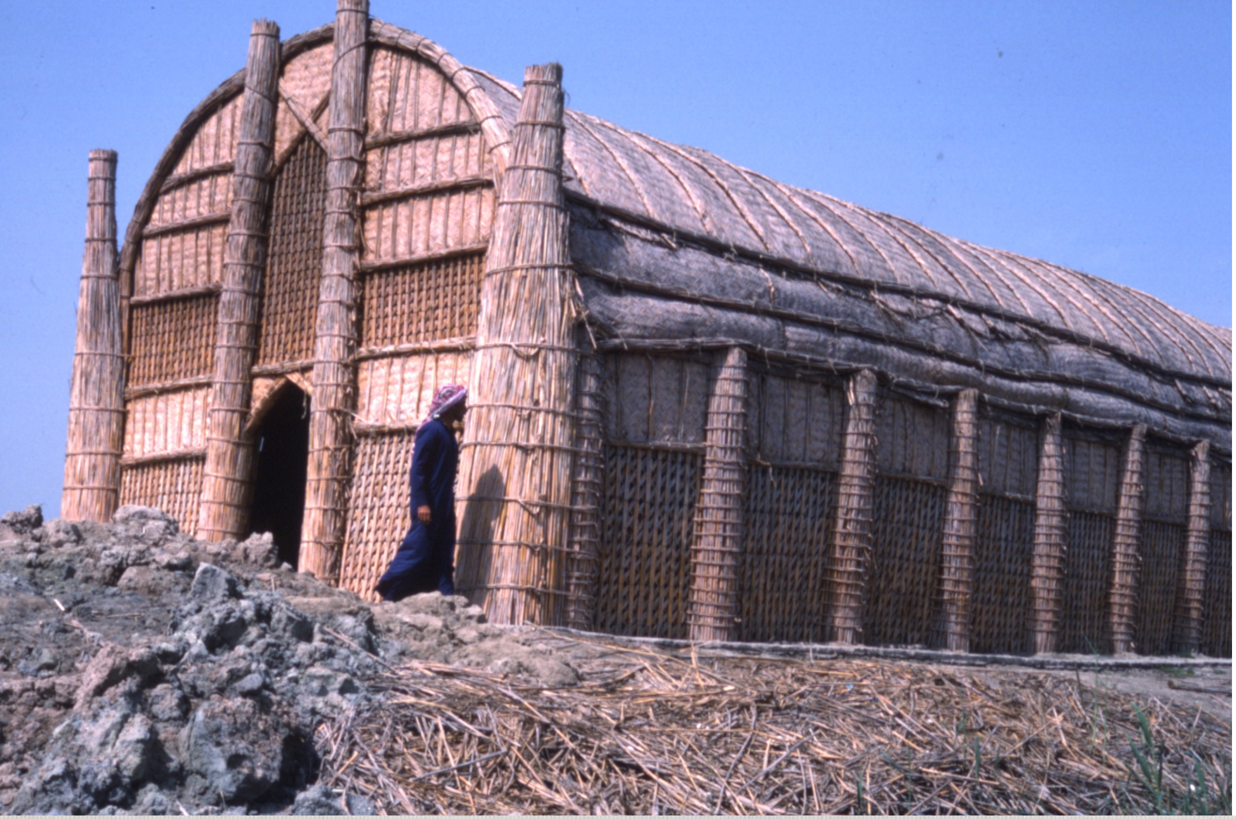
Salinization
Near Nippur

Aparna desert
Near Nippur

Marshes 1990



Marshes, 650 B.C.



Reed House
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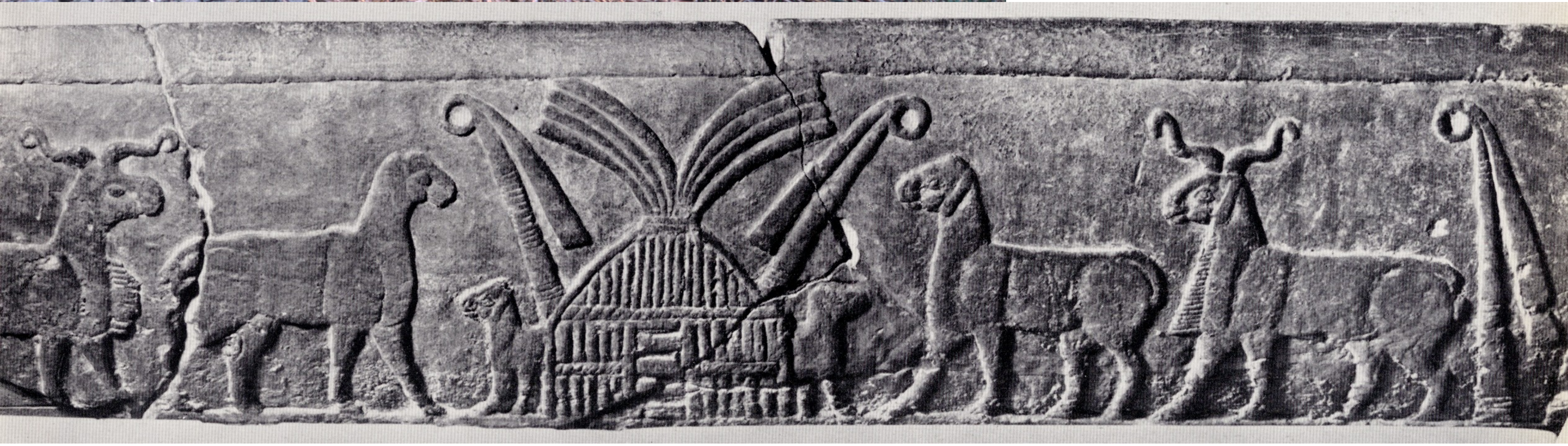
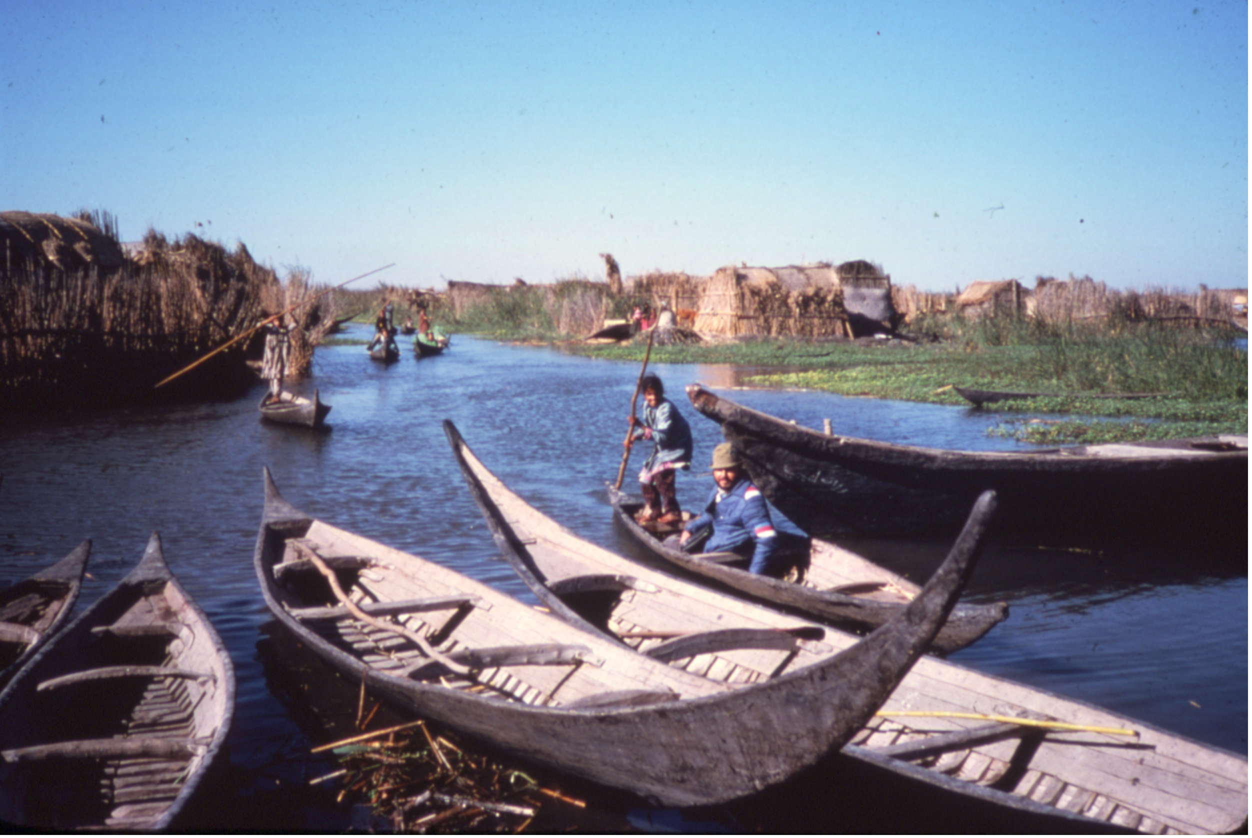
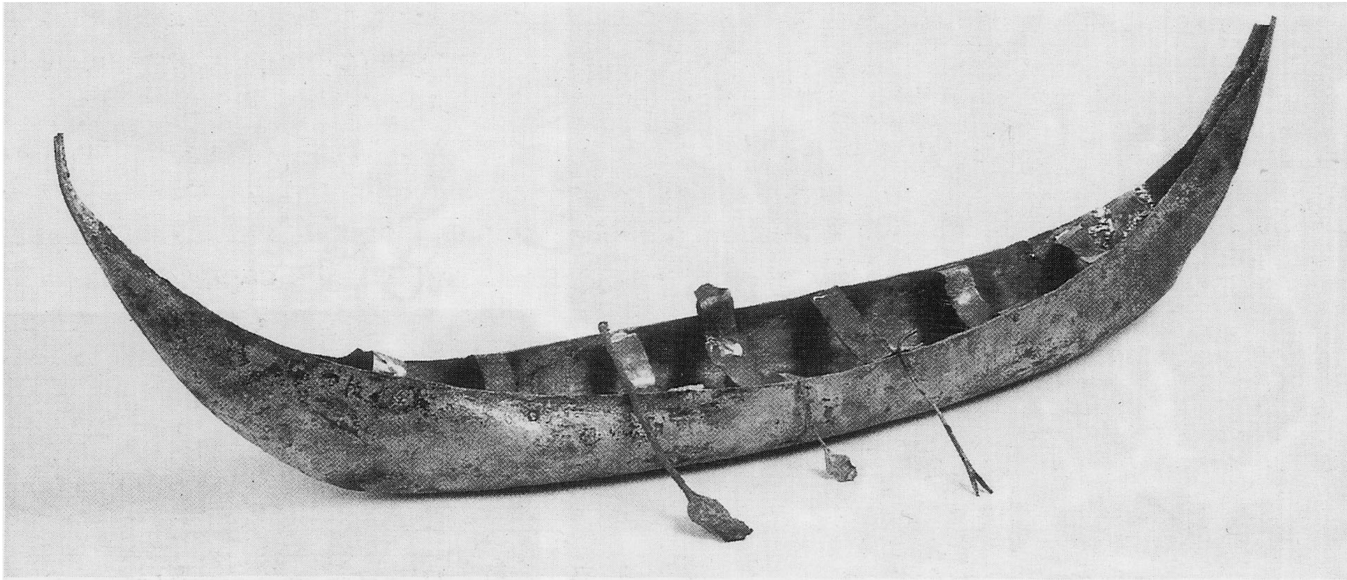


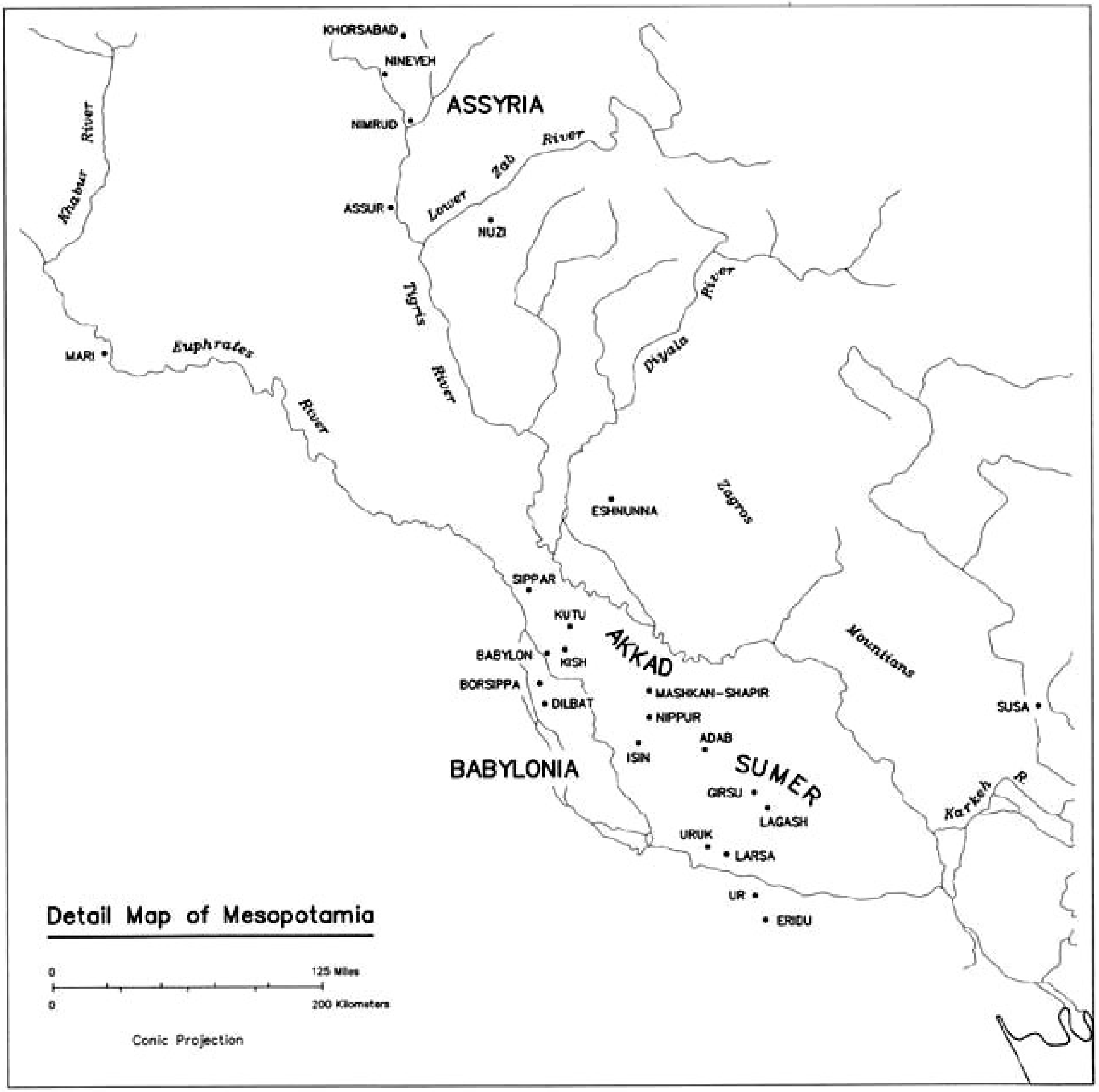
Reed house 2700 B.C.



Taradas 1977



Tarada model,
Ur Cemetery,
2700 B.c.



Detail Map of Mesopotamia

KHORSABAD
NINEVEH
ASSYRIA
NIMRUD
ASSUR
Lower Zab River
NUZI
Khabur River
Tigris River
MARI
Euphrates River
Diyala River
ESHNUNNA
Zagros Mountians
SIPPAR
KUTU
AKKAD
BABYLON
KISH
BORSIPPA
DILBAT
MASHKAN-SHAPIR
NIPPUR
ADAB
ISIN
BABYLONIA
SUMER
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SUSA
Karkeh R
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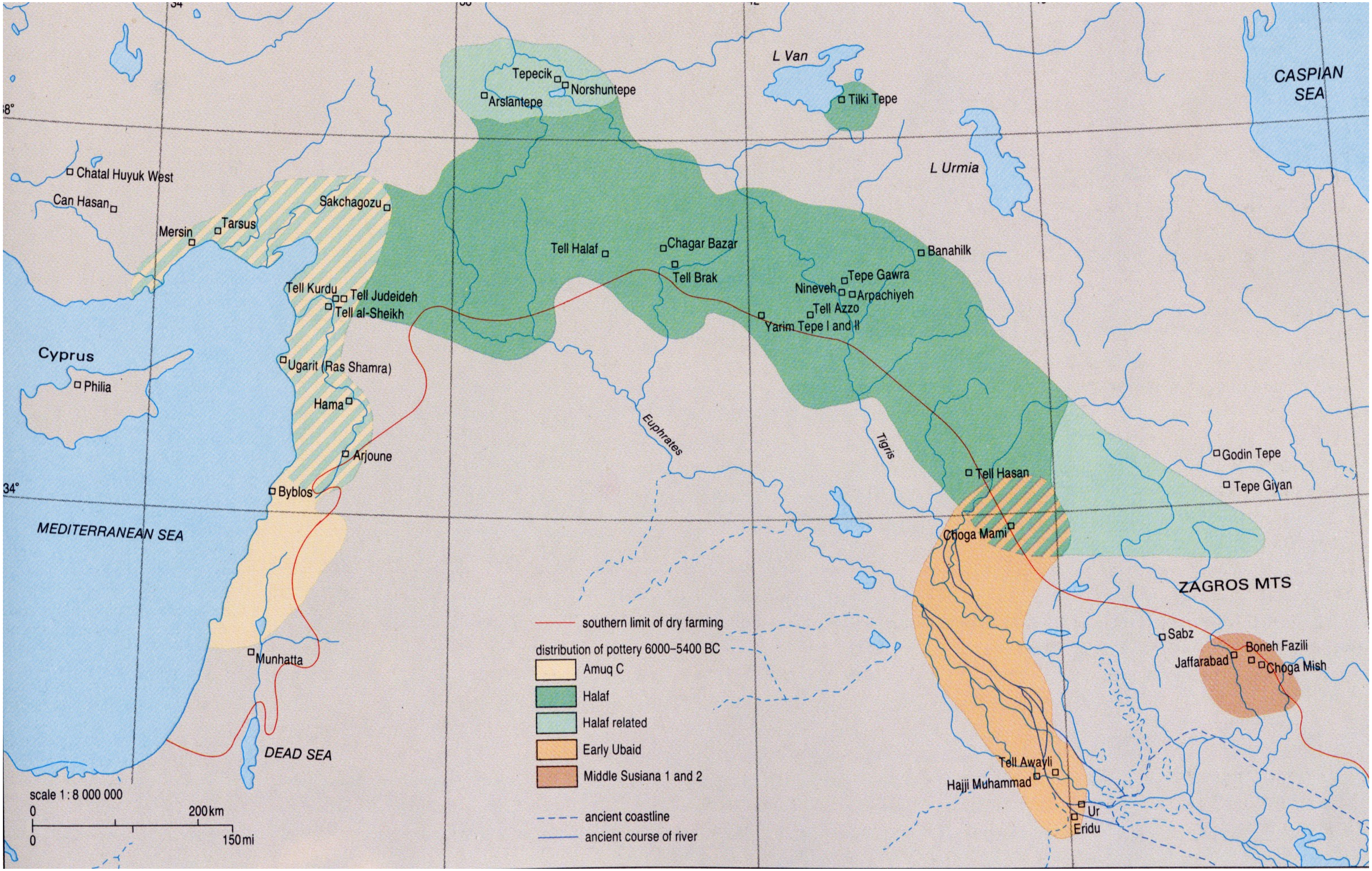
125 Miles
0
200 Kilometers
Conic Projection


34
38
42
38°
34°
L Van
CASPIAN SEA
Tepecik
Norshuntepe
Arslantepe
Tilki Tepe
L Urmia
Chatal Huyuk West
Can Hasan
Sakchagozu
Mersin
Tarsus
Tell Halaf
Chagar Bazar
Tell Brak
Banahilk
Tepe Gawra
Nineveh
Arpachiyeh
Tell Azzo
Yarim Tepe I and II
Tell Kurdu
Tell Judeideh
Tell al-Sheikh
Cyprus
Philia
Ugarit (Ras Shamra)
Hama
Arjoune
Euphrates
Tigris
Byblos
Tell Hasan
Godin Tepe
Tepe Giyan
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
Choga Mami
ZAGROS MTS
Munhatta
Sabz
Boneh Fazili
Jaffarabad
Choga Mish
DEAD SEA
Tell Awayli
Hajji Muhammad
Ur
Eridu
southern limit of dry farming
distribution of pottery 6000–5400 BC
Amuq C
Halaf
Halaf related
Early Ubaid
Middle Susiana 1 and 2
ancient coastline
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scale 1 : 8 000 000
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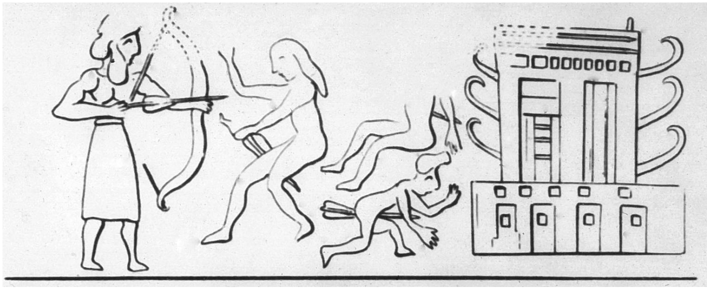
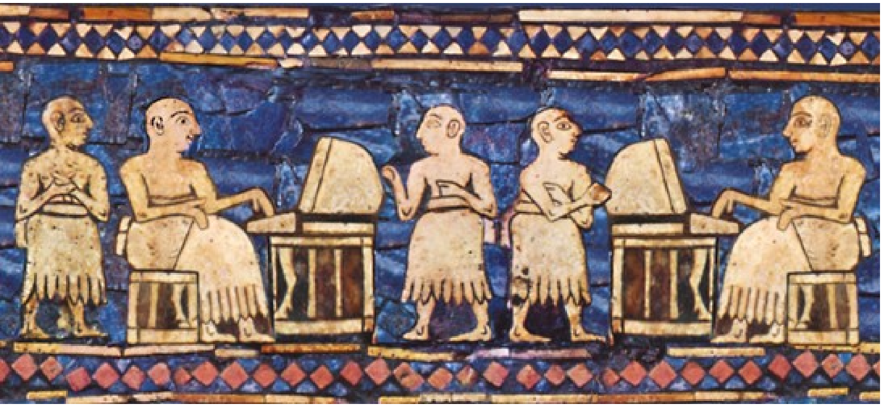
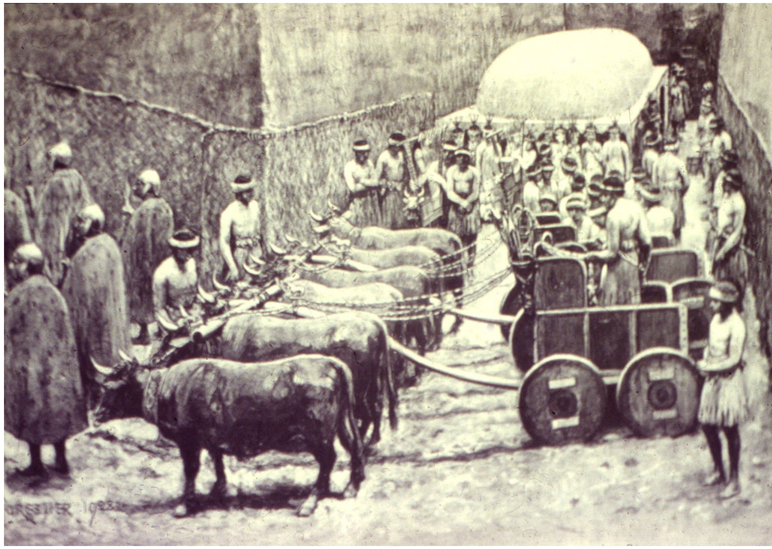
Mesopotamia, c. 5,000 B.C.
From roaf, cultural Atlas

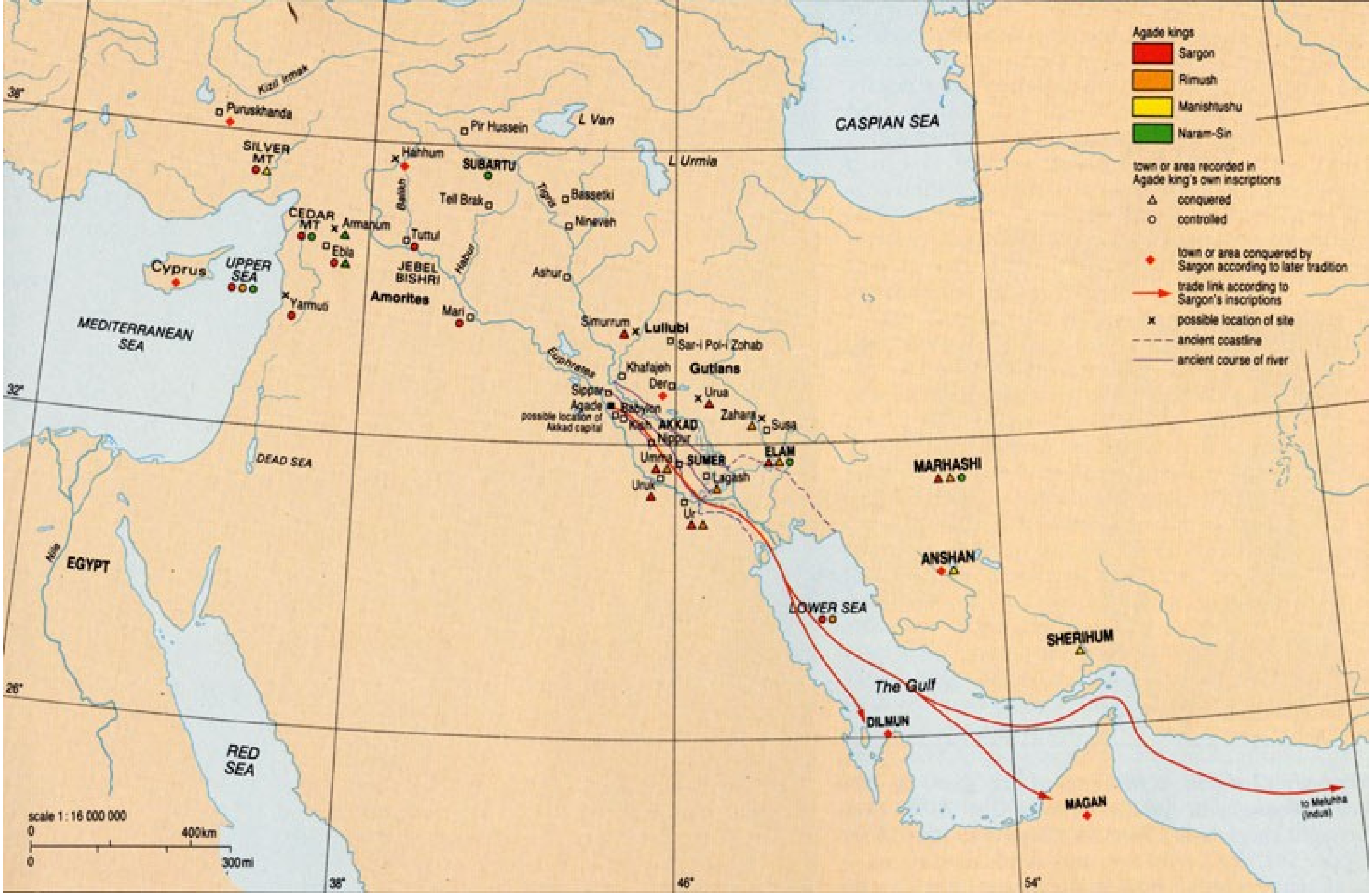


Uruk Period, king in ritual, war, hunt
First writing, cylinder seals





Early Dynastic kings: war, Building, feasting, burial


Agade kings
Sargon
Rimush
Manishtushu
Naram-Sin
town or area recorded in Agade king's own inscriptions
conquered
controlled
town or area conquered by Sargon according to later tradition
trade link according to Sargon's inscriptions
possible location of site
ancient coastline
ancient course of river
CASPIAN SEA
L Van
L Urmia
Kizil Irmak
Puruskhanda
SILVER MT
Pir Hussein
Hahhum
SUBARTU
Balikh
Tigris
Bassetki
Tell Brak
Nineveh
CEDAR MT
Armanum
Tuttul
Ebla
Habur
Cyprus
UPPER SEA
JEBEL BISHRI
Ashur
Amorites
Yarmuti
Mari
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
Simurrum
Lullubi
Sar-i Pol-i Zohab
Euphrates
Khafajeh
Gutians
Der
Sippar
Urua
Agade
Babylon
possible location of Akkad capital
Kish
AKKAD
Zahara
Susa
Nippur
ELAM
DEAD SEA
Umma
SUMER
MARHASHI
Lagash
Uruk
Ur
ANSHAN
Nile
EGYPT
LOWER SEA
SHERIHUM
The Gulf
DILMUN
RED SEA
MAGAN
to Meluhha (Indus)
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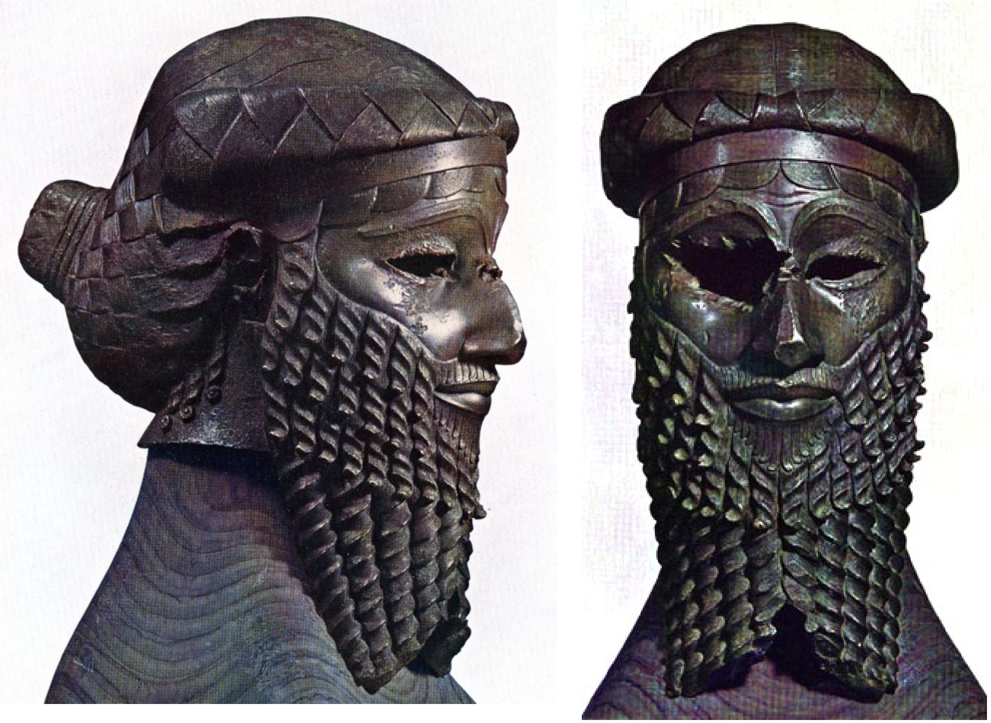
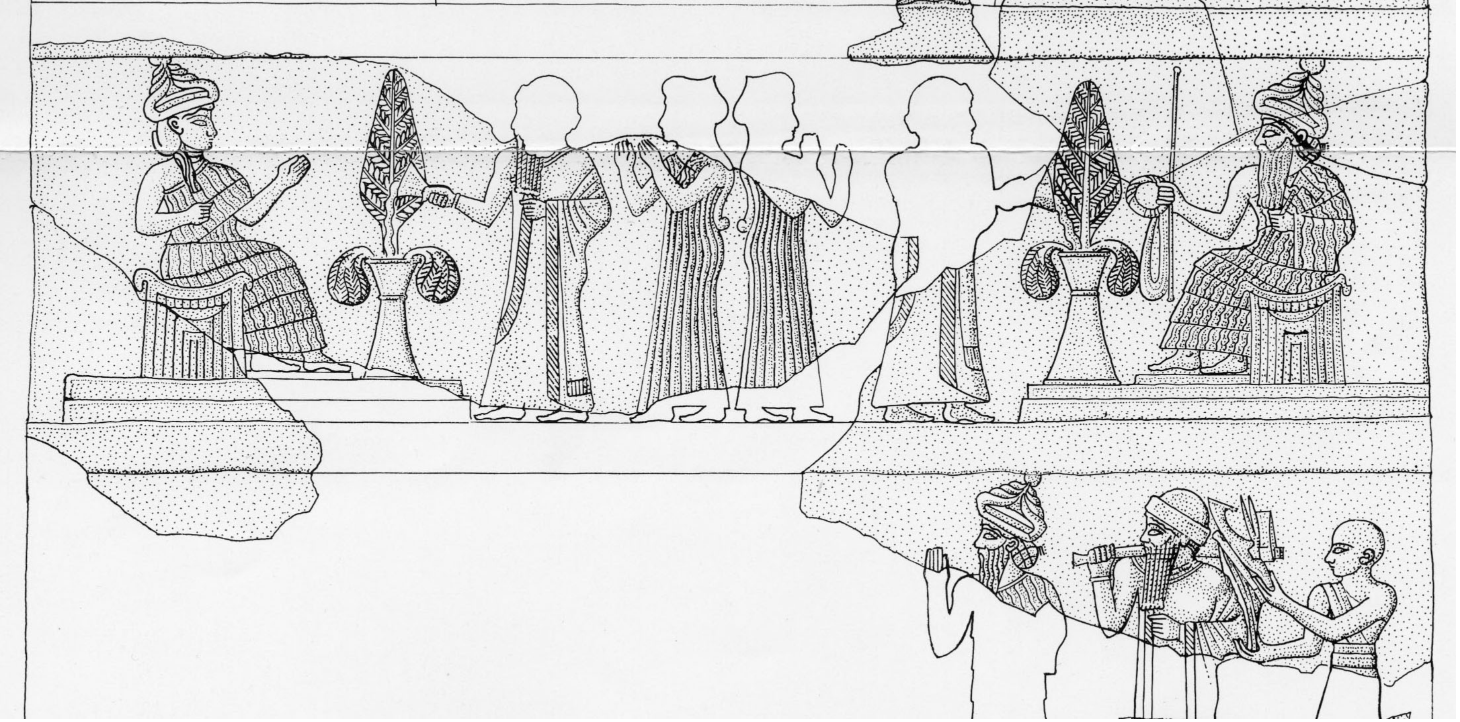
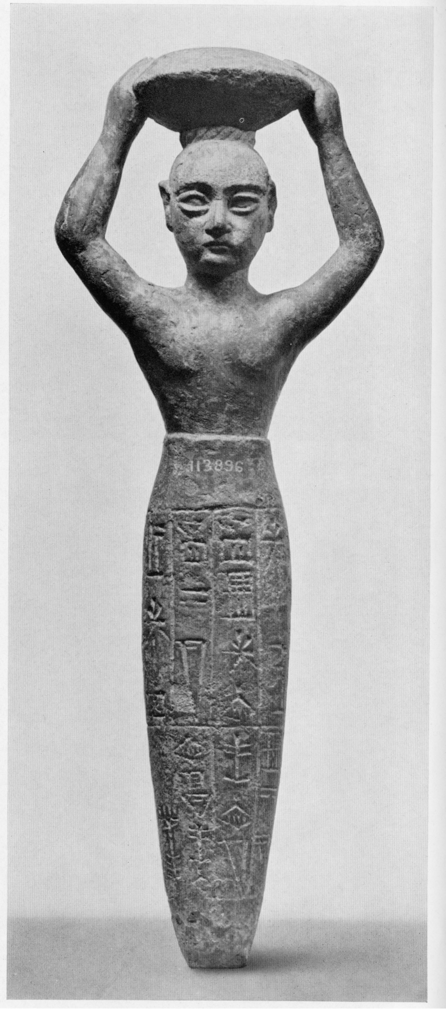
Akkadian empire c. 2300 B.C.



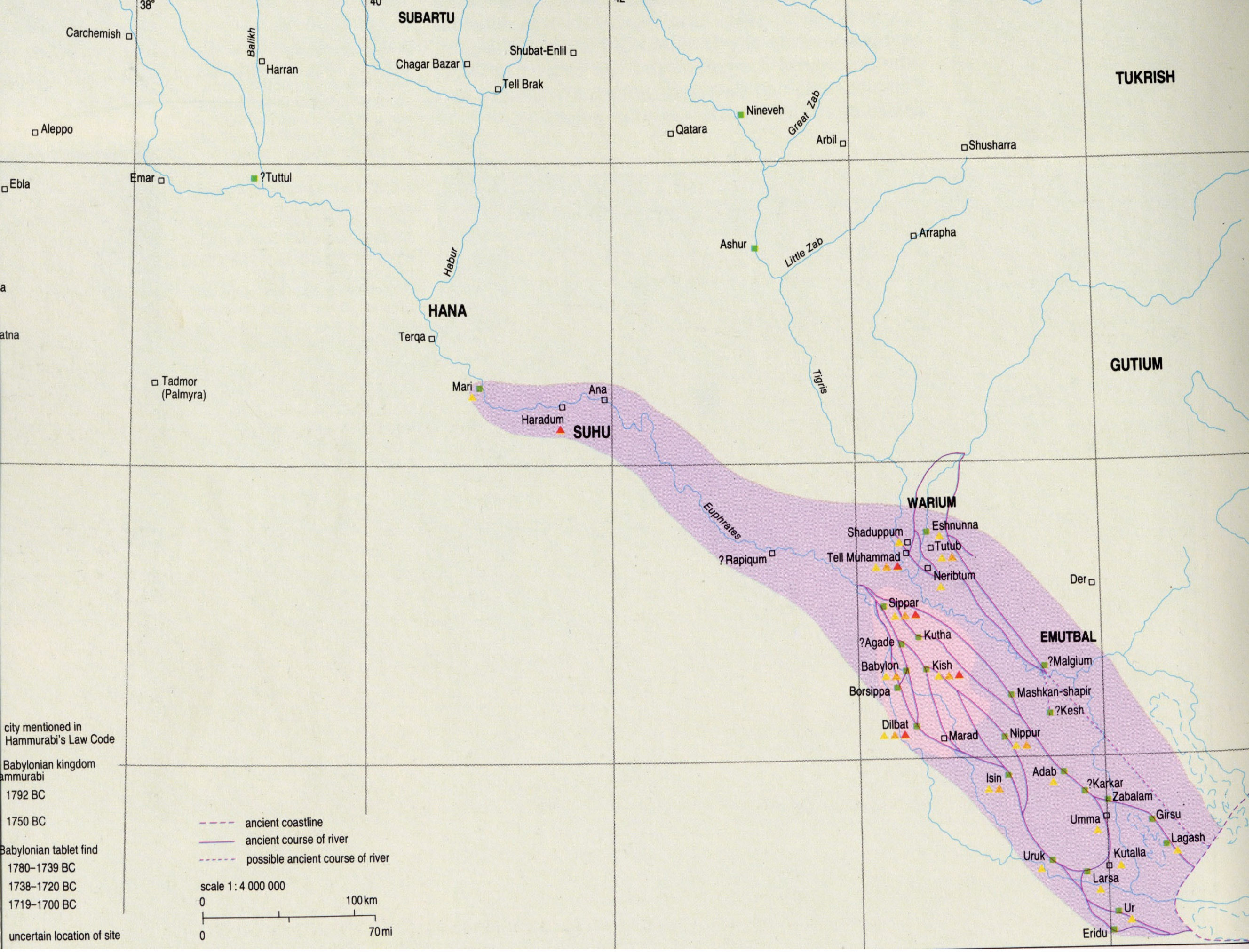
Akkadian King c. 2300 B.C.





King receives rod and ring from

King as builder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Arbil
Shusharra
Ebla
Emar
?Tuttul
Ashur
Little Zab
Arrapha
Habur
HANA
a
atna
Terqa
GUTIUM
Tadmor
(Palmyra)
Tigris
Mari
Ana
Haradum
SUHU
WARIUM
Euphrates
Eshnunna
Shaduppum
Tutub
?Rapiqum
Tell Muhammad
Neribtum
Der
Sippar
EMUTBAL
Kutha
?Agade
?Malgium
Babylon
Kish
Borsippa
Mashkan-shapir
?Kesh
Dilbat
Marad
Nippur
Isin
Adab
?Karkar
Zabalam
Umma
Girsu
Lagash
Uruk
Kutalla
Larsa
Ur
Eridu
city mentioned in Hammurabi's Law Code
Babylonian kingdom
ammurabi
1792 BC
1750 BC
Babylonian tablet find
1780–1739 BC
1738–1720 BC
1719–1700 BC
uncertain location of site
ancient coastline
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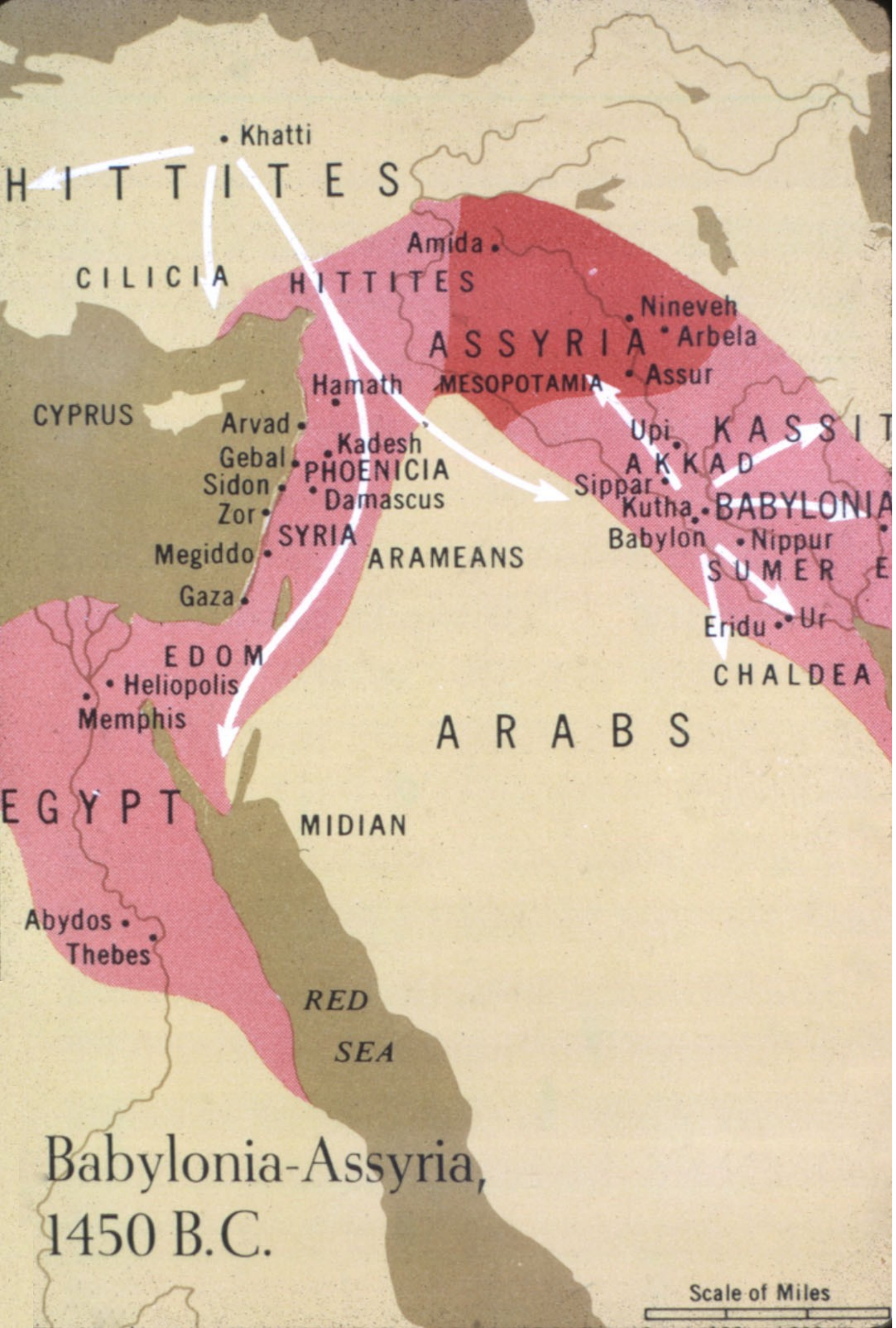
Mesopotamia under Hammurabi, c. 1770 B.C.

Law code


Babylonia-Assyria, 1450 B.C.

Khatti
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ASSYRIA
Nineveh
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Assur
MESOPOTAMIA
Hamath
CYPRUS
Arvad
Kadesh
Gebal
PHOENICIA
Sidon
Damascus
Zor
SYRIA
Megiddo
ARAMEANS
Gaza
Upi
KASSIT
AKKAD
Sippar
Kutha
BABYLONIA
Babylon
Nippur
SUMER
E
Eridu
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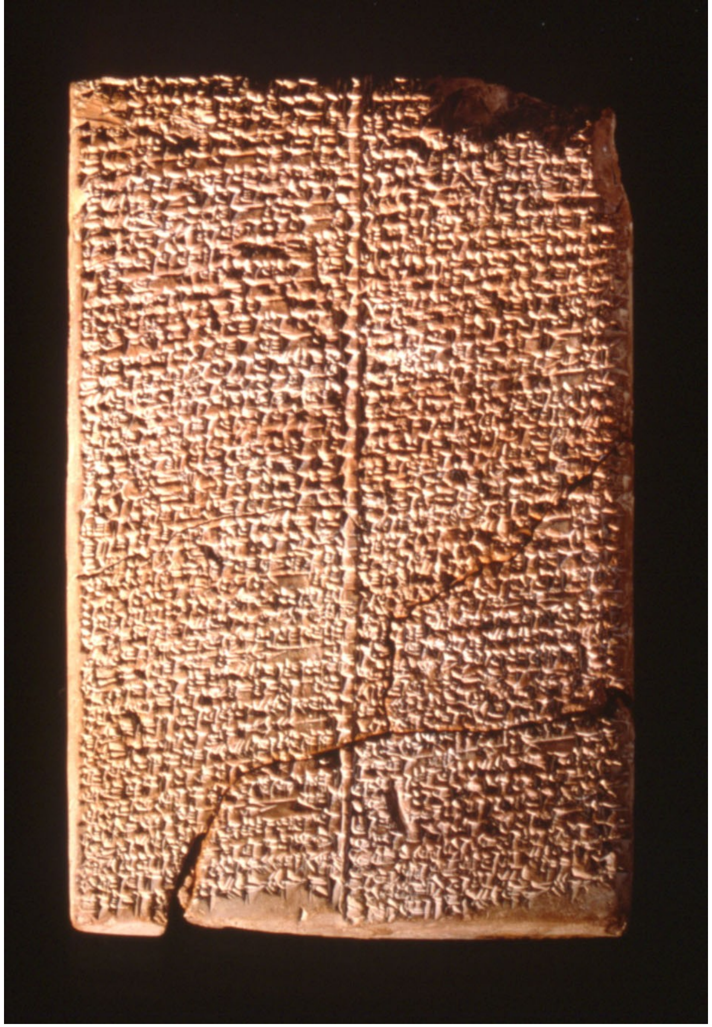
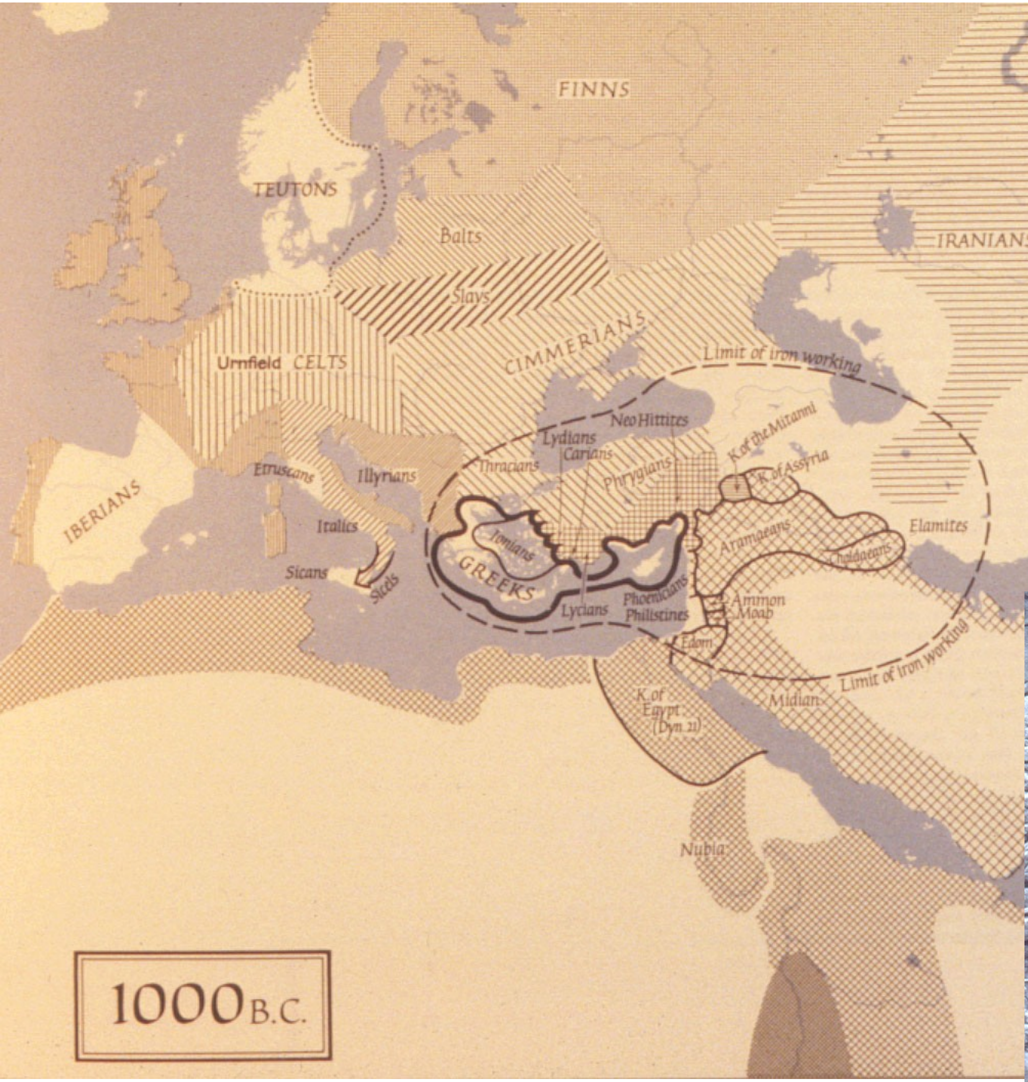


The International Age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IRANIANS
Slavs
CIMMERIANS
Urnfield CELTS
Limit of iron working
Neo Hittites
Lydians
Carians
Thracians
Phrygians
K. of the Mitanni
K. of Assyria
Etruscans
Illyrians
IBERIANS
Italics
Ionians
GREEKS
Sicans
Sicels
Aramaeans
Chaldaeans
Elamites
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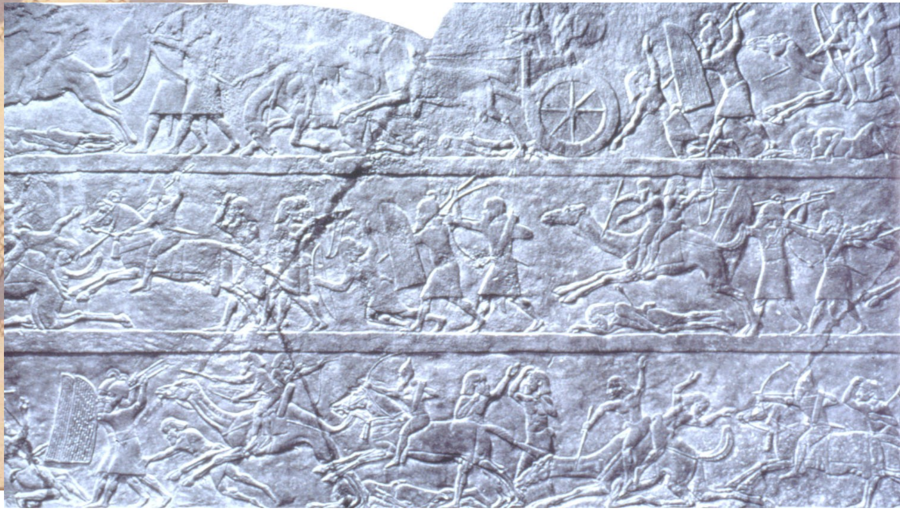
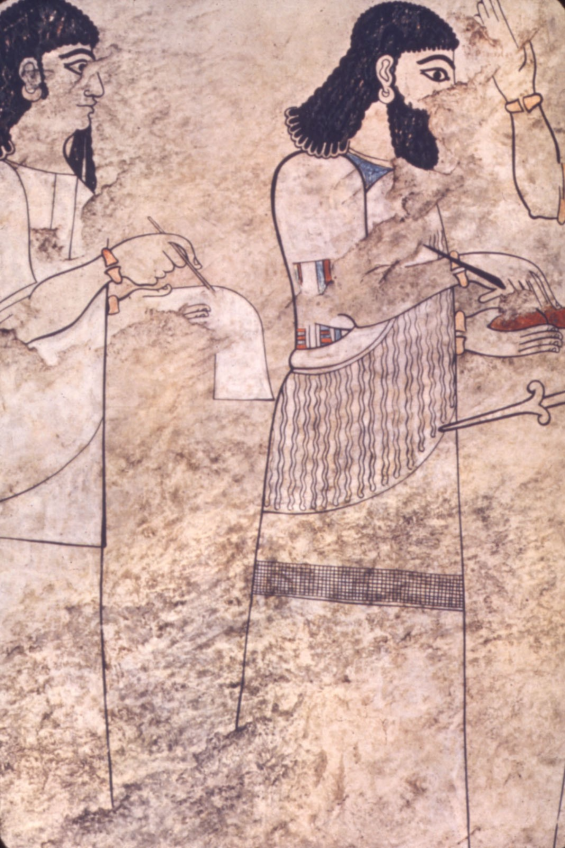
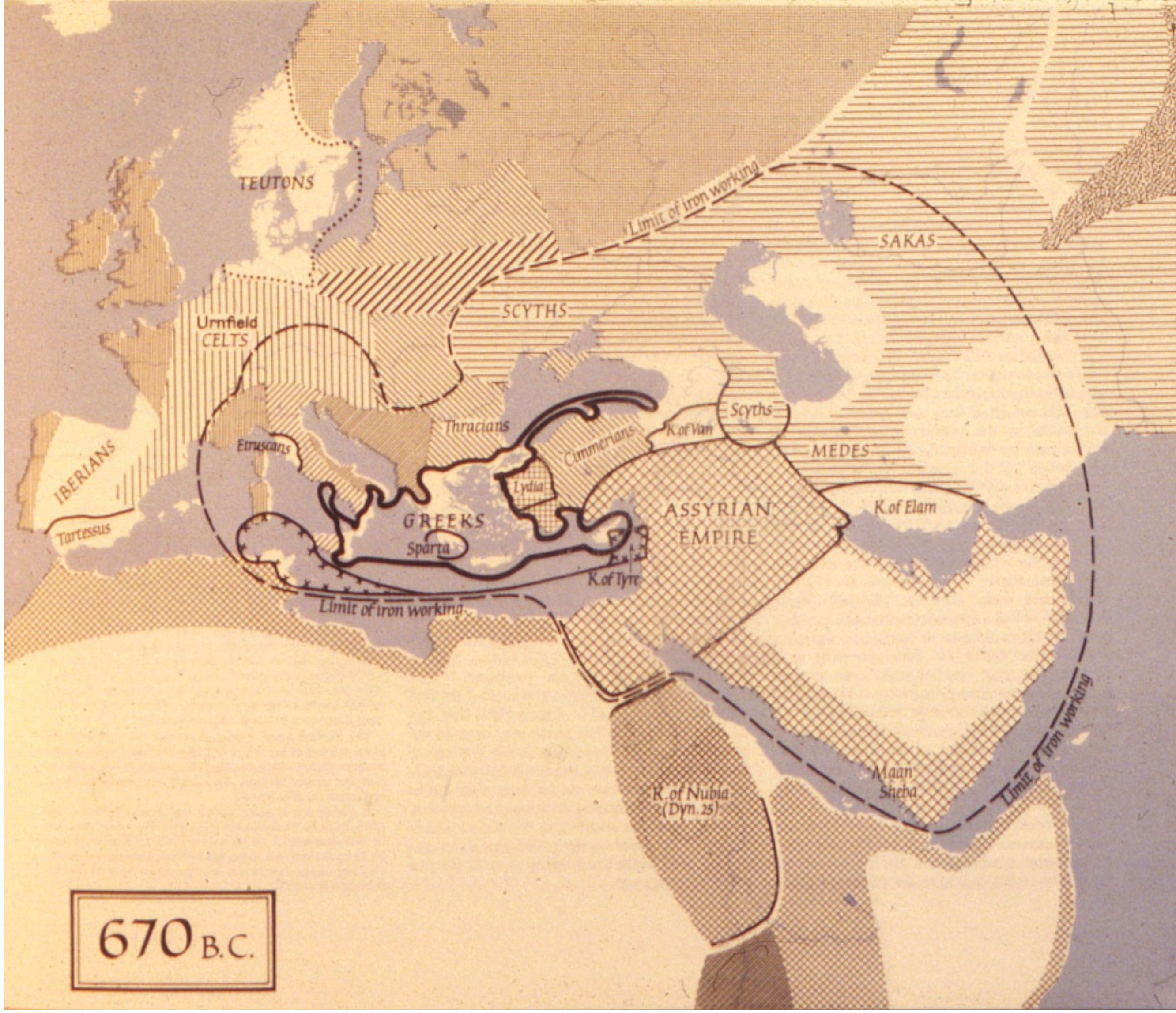
Edom
Limit of iron working
K. of Egypt (Dyn. 21)
Midian
Nubia
1000 B.C.



Dark Age 1100-900 B.C. Aramaeans, Arabs, & The Camel



Scribes writing
In both Aramaic
And Assyrian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MEDES
IBERIANS
Lydia
ASSYRIAN
EMPIRE
K.of Elam
GREEKS
Sparta
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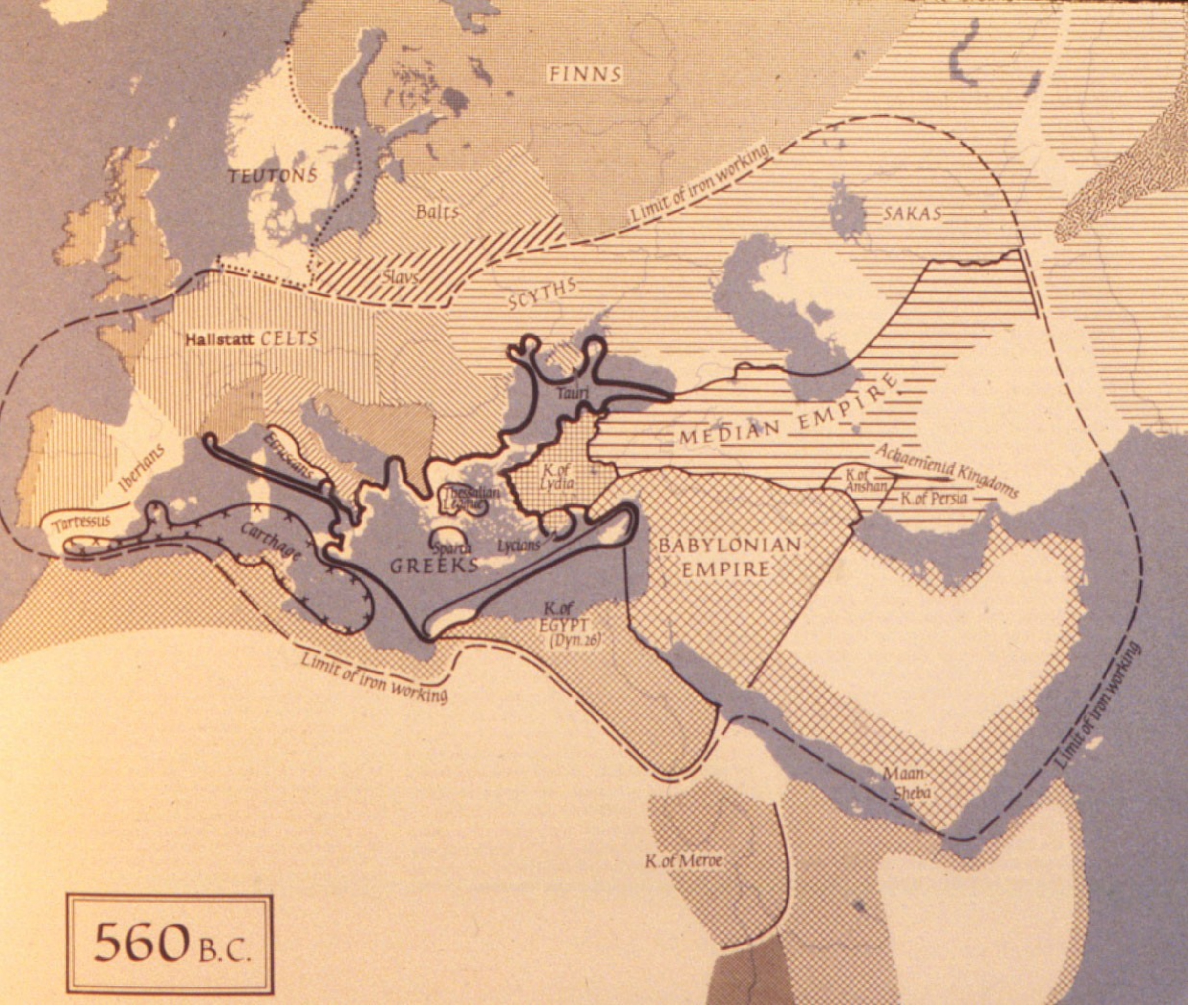
(Dyn.25)
Maan
Sheba
Limit of iron working
670 B.C.

Assyrian Empire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Tauri
MEDIAN EMPIRE
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K.of Anshan
K.of Persia
Etruscans
Iberians
Thessalian League
K.of Lydia
Tartessus
Carthage
Sparta
Lycians
GREEKS
BABYLONIAN EMPIRE
K.of EGYPT (Dyn.26)
Limit of iron working
Maan-Sheba
Limit of iron working
K.of Meroe
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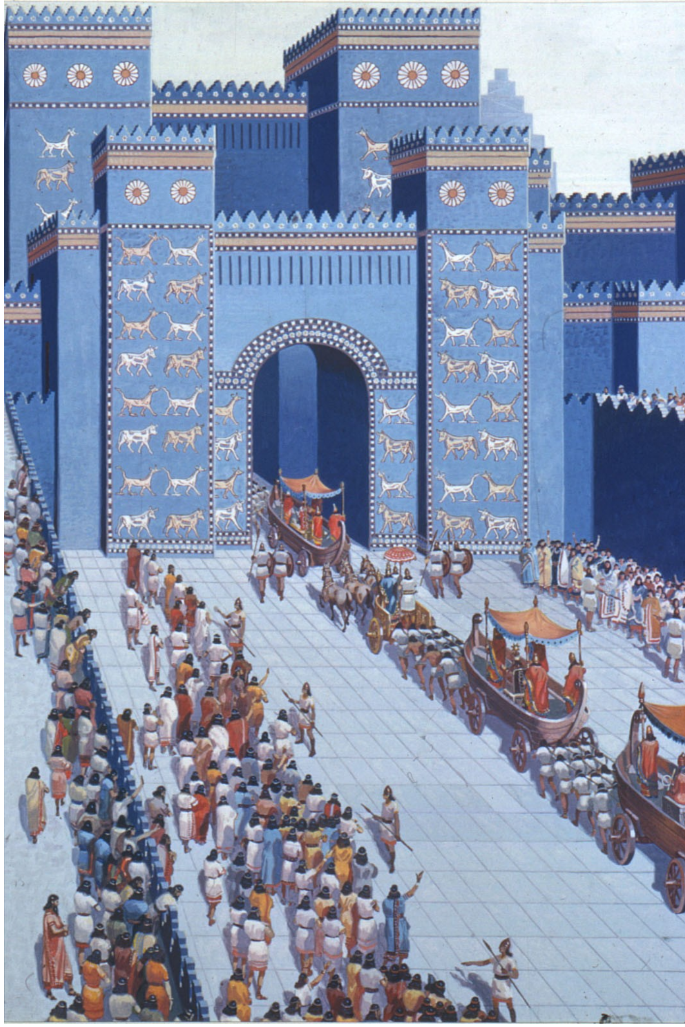
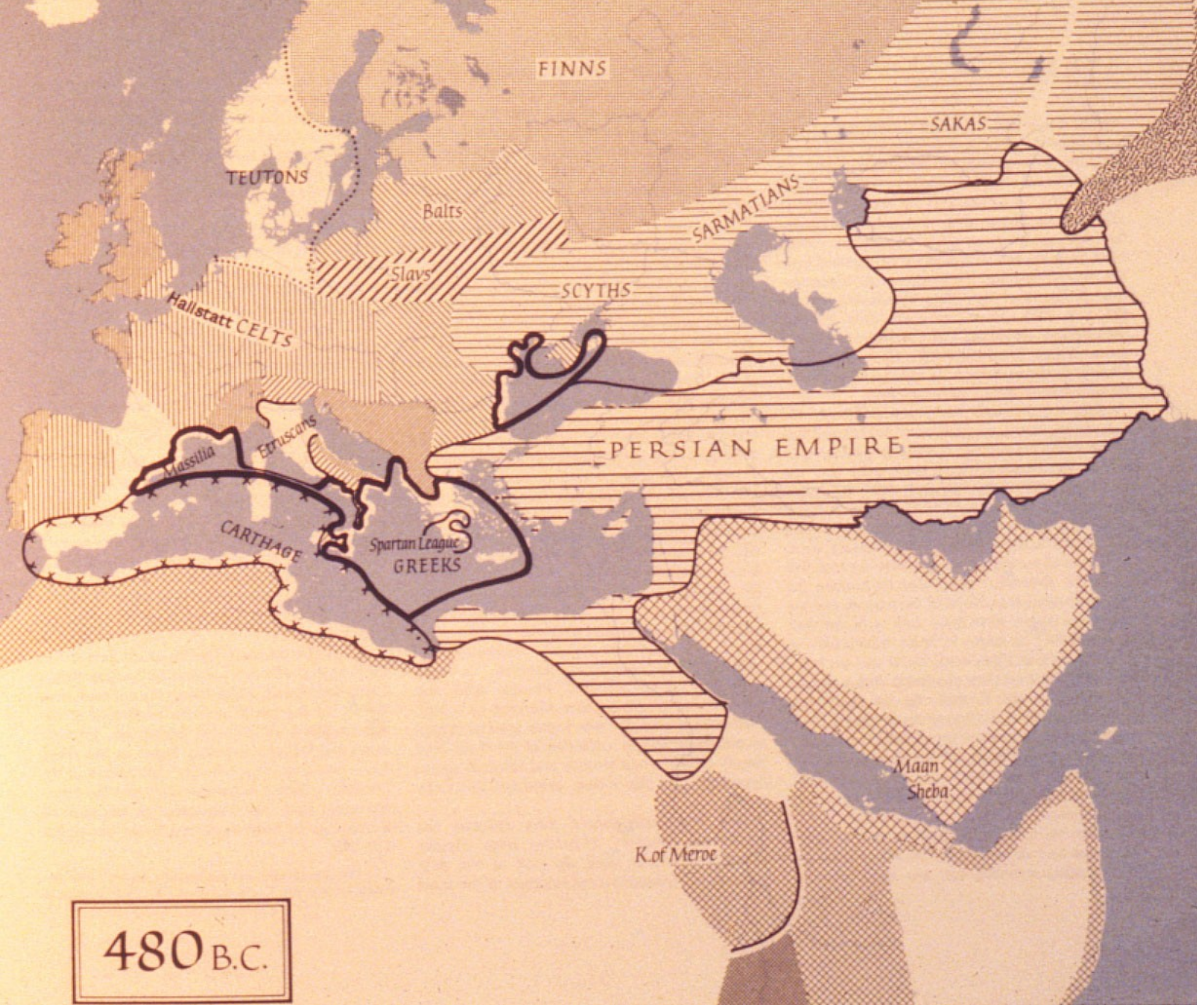


Neo-Babylonian Empire under Nebuchadnezzar
Ishtar Gate at Babylon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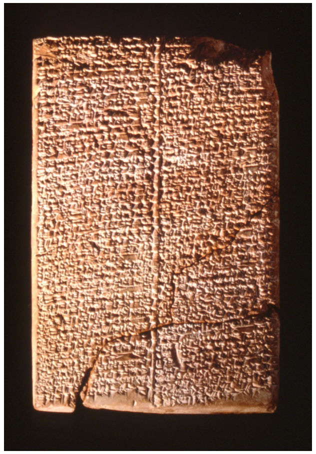
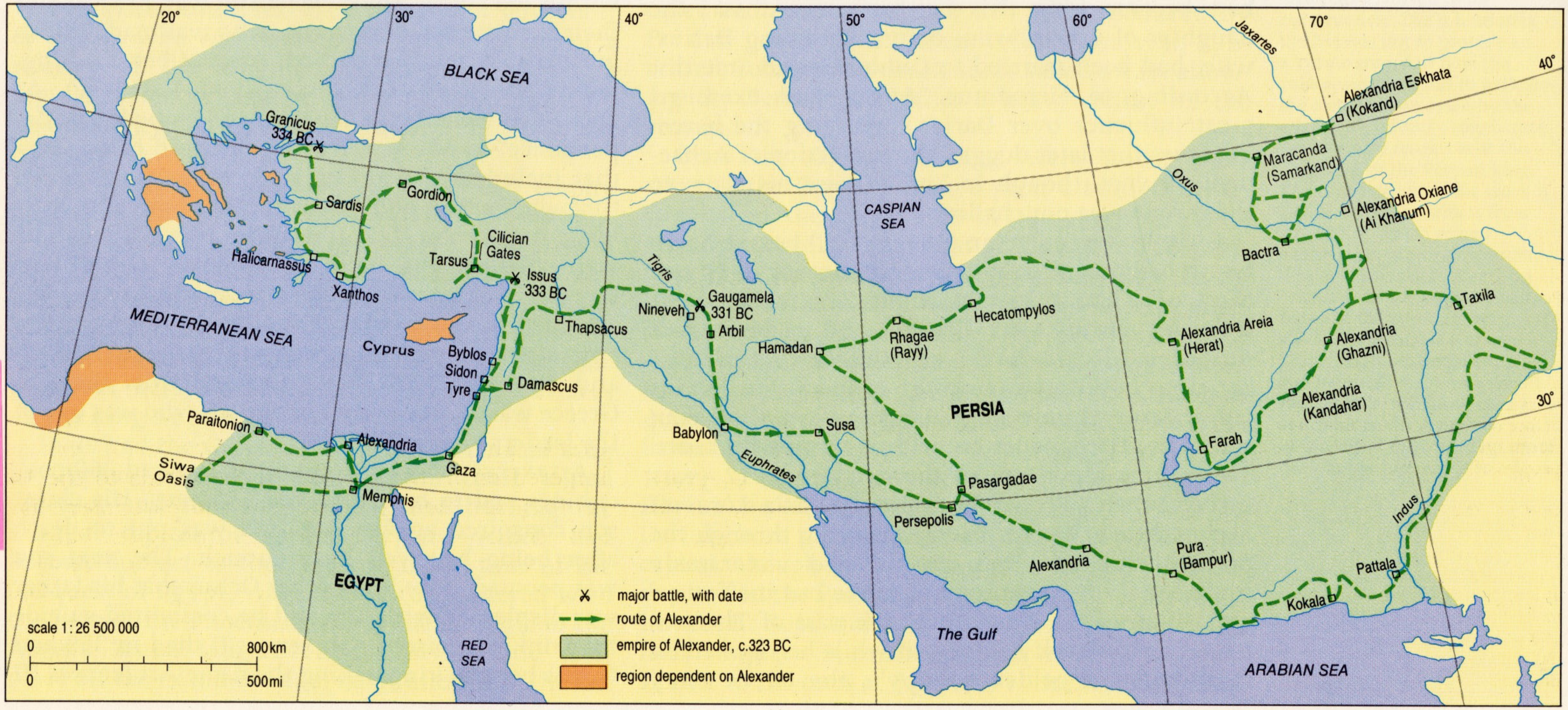


Mesopotamia under Persian Rule
Tradition continues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Alexandria (Ghazni)
Taxila
Bactra
Alexandria Oxiane (Ai Khanum)
Maracanda (Samarkand)
Alexandria Eskhata (Kokand)
✕ major battle, with date
route of Alexander
🟩 empire of Alexander, c.323 BC
🟧 region dependent on Alexander
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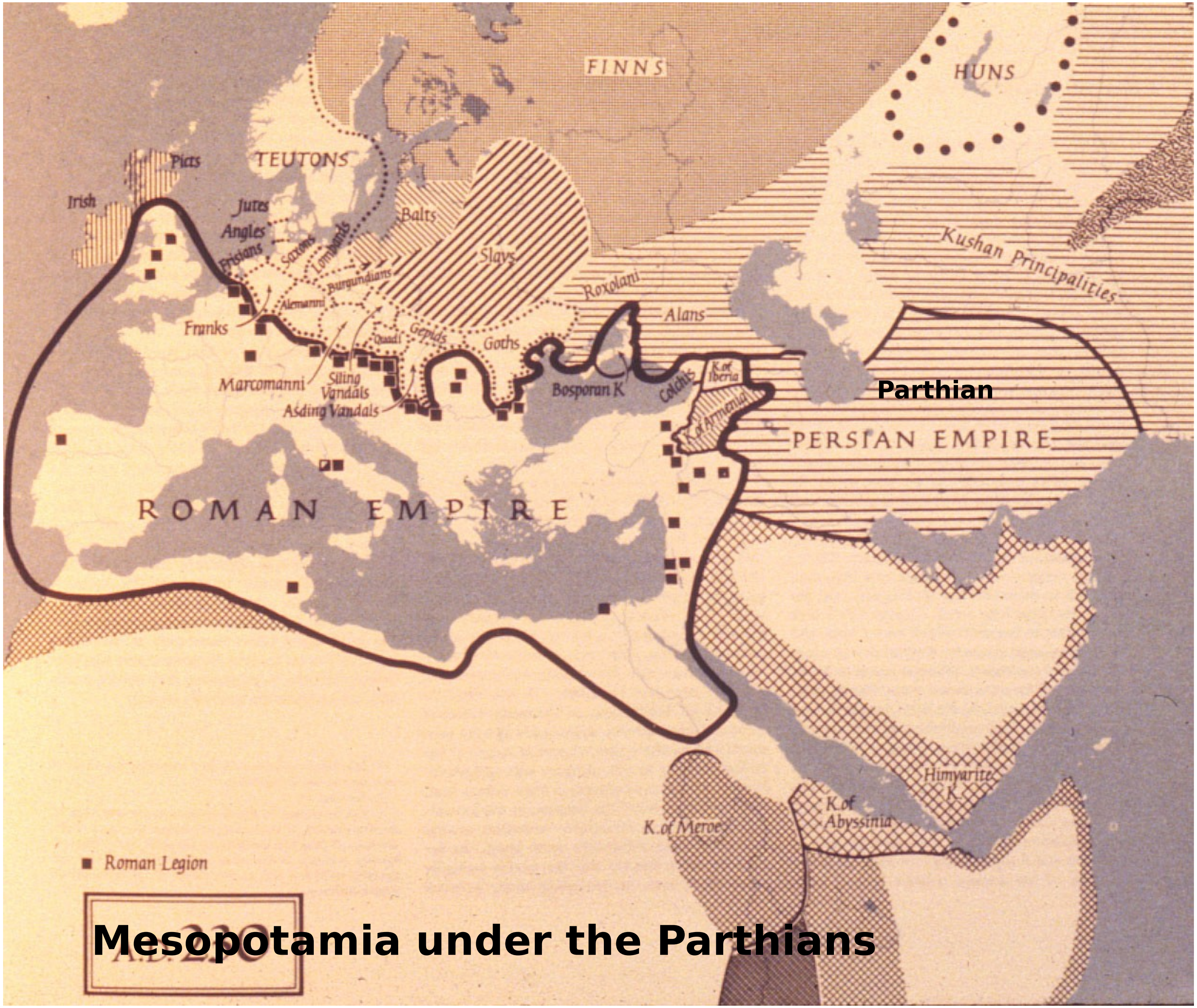
Alexander and the Seleucids
331-140 B.C.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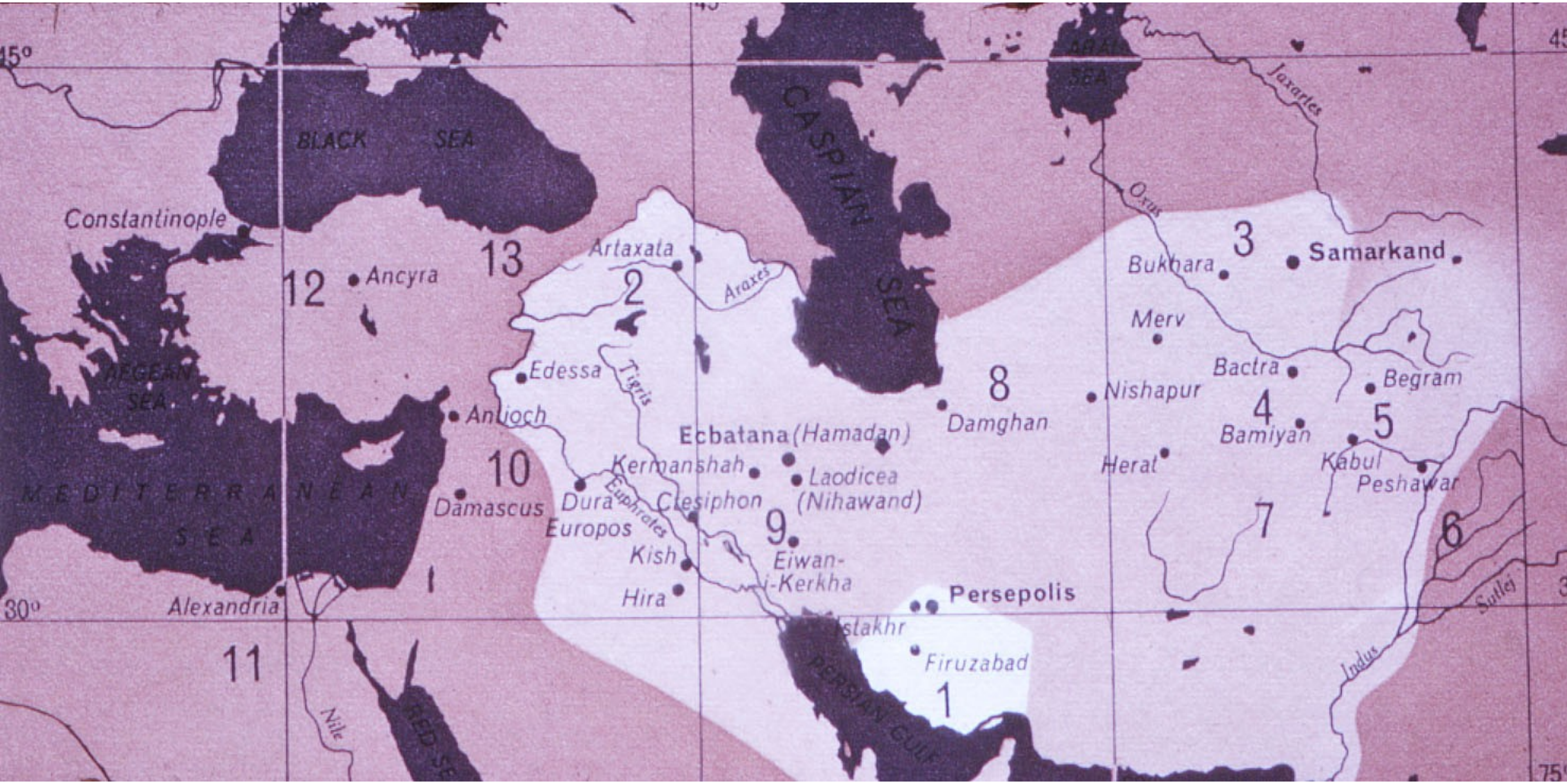
■ Roman Legion
A.D. 230

Mesopotamia under the Parthians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Tigris
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Nile
Indus
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Antioch
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Ecbatana (Hamadan)
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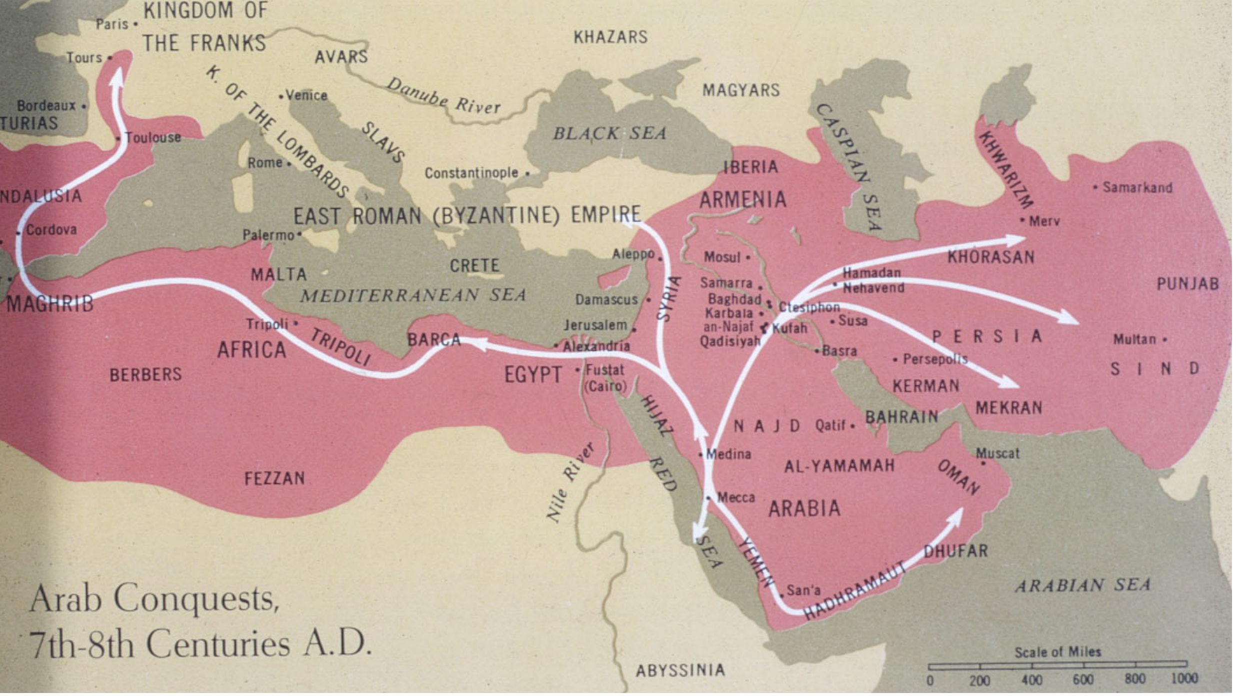
Sasanian Empire, A. D. 224-640


Arab Conquests,
7th-8th Centuries A.D.

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MAGHRIB
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KHAZARS
MAGYARS
Danube River
Venice
K. OF THE LOMBARDS
SLAVS
Rome
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Constantinople
IBERIA
ARMENIA
CASPIAN SEA
KHWARIZM
Samarkand
Merv
EAST ROMAN (BYZANTINE) EMPIRE
Palermo
CRETE
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Aleppo
Mosul
Samarra
Baghdad
Karbala
an-Najaf
Qadisiyah
Ctesiphon
Kufah
Hamadan
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KHORASAN
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Damascus
SYRIA
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KERMAN
MEKRAN
Tripoli
TRIPOLI
BARCA
AFRICA
BERBERS
EGYPT
Fustat (Cairo)
HIJAZ
NAJD
Qatif
BAHRAIN
Medina
AL-YAMAMAH
Muscat
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Mecca
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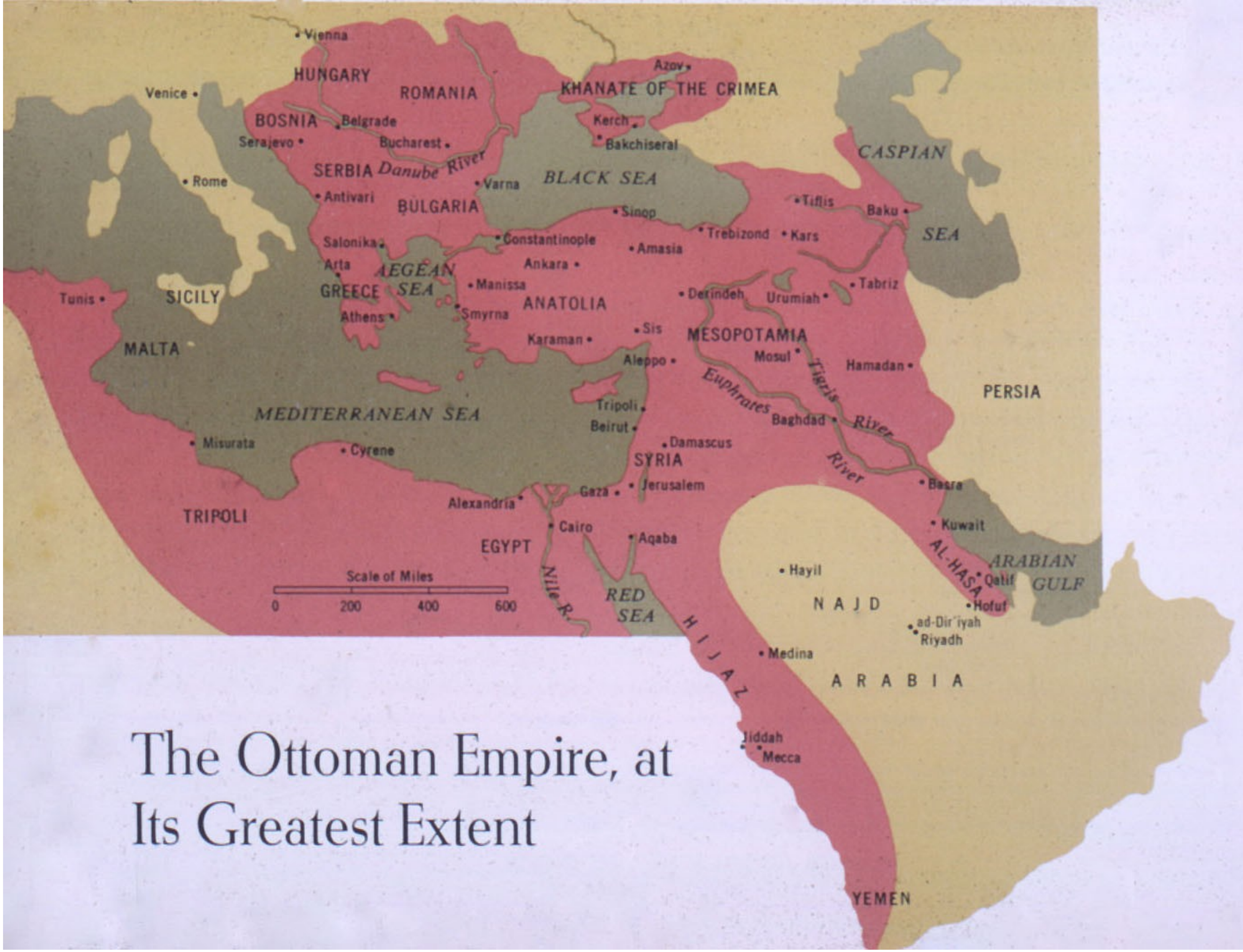
Minaret at Samarra

Abbasid period A.D. 800-1200

When Baghdad ruled the world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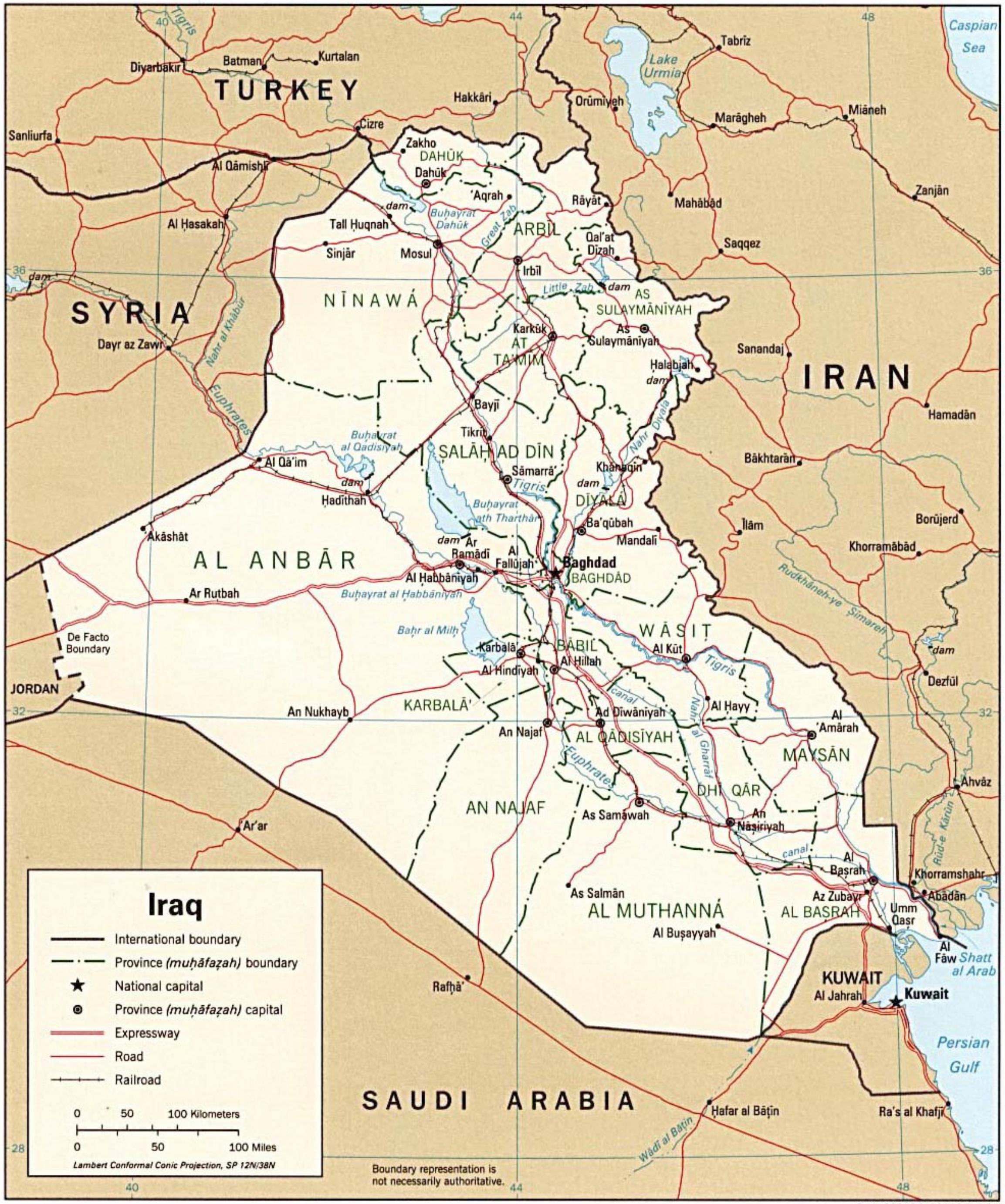
The Ottoman Empire, at Its Greatest Extent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Province (muḥāfaẓah) boundary
National capital
Province (muḥāfaẓah) capital
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Lambert Conformal Conic Projection, SP 12N/38N
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KUWAIT
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Persian Gulf
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As Salmān
Al Buṣayyah
Al Jahrah
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Rafḥā'
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Nahr Diyālá
Nahr al Gharrāf
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Wādī al Bāṭin
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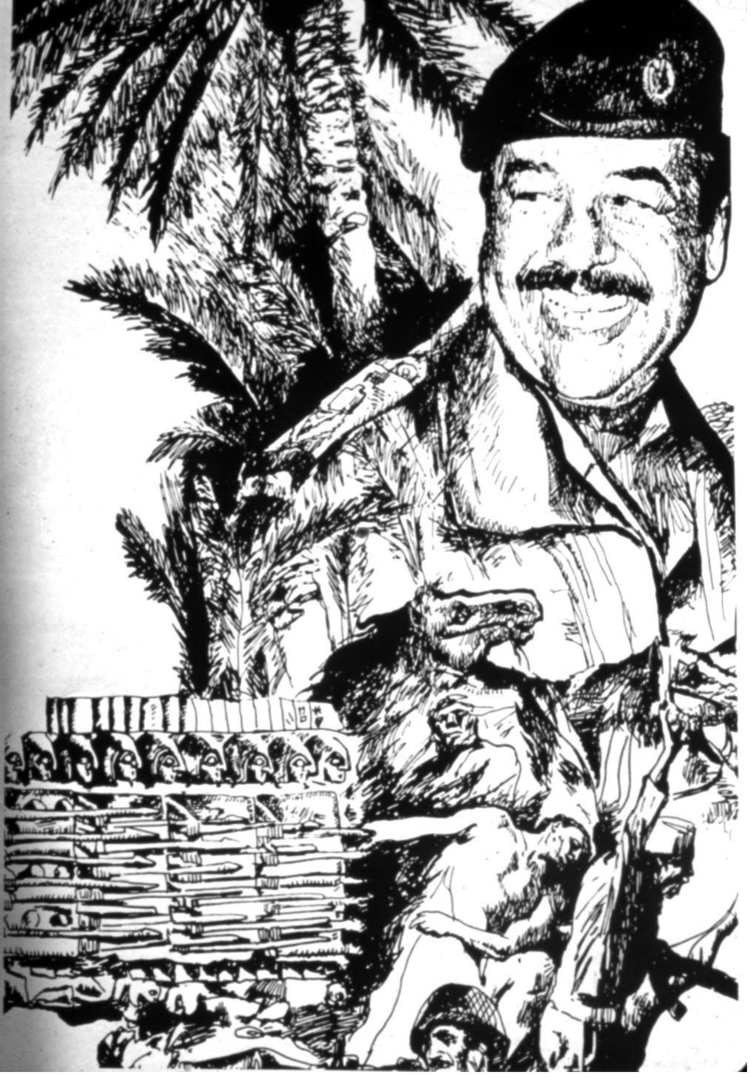

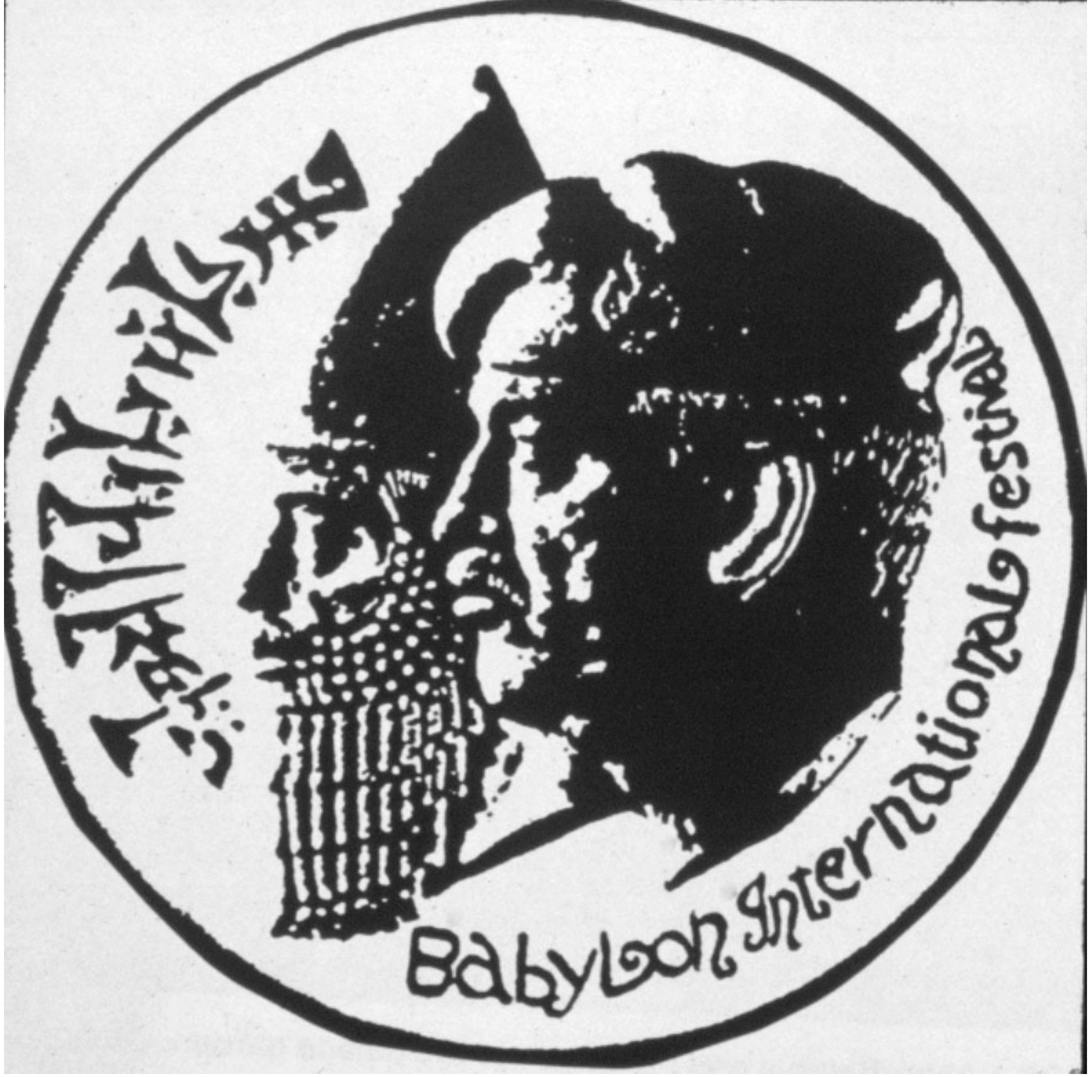

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